PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Fifty-third Annual Convention

—OF THE—

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

Held in First English Lutheran Church, Rising City, Nebraska, October 13-15, 1925.

REV. E. A. VOSSELER, Pastor

—ALSO—

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

Lutheran Brotherhood

of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
May 4th, 1925,
Fremont, Nebr.

—ALSO—

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

—OF THE—

Women's Missionary Society

of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
Held in Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, September 29th, 30th and October 1st, 1925.

Synodical Calendar for 1925-1926

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REV. A. O. SOHOLM, 1009 South 29th Street, Omaha, 1927.
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MR. JOSEPH H. MILLER, M. D., Fremont, 1926.
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MR. E. T. TRAMP, North Platte, 1927.
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REV. R. E. RANGELER.	MR. ROY PECKHAM.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Nebraska, October 12-14, 1926.

Communion Sermon—Rev. J. C. Hershey; alternate, Rev. Geo. E. Mortensen.
Ordination Sermon—Rev. E. Clyde Xander; alternate, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D.
Chaplain—Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.; alternate, Rev. H. A. Anspach.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES

Minister.	Ord.	Ent. Synod.	Address.	Lay Delegate.
Anderson, H. P.	.....	.....	Paxton, Nebr.	
Anspach, H. A.	.....	1924	North Platte, Nebr.	A. T. Yost
Aue, C. G., D. D.	1895	1920	Fremont, Nebr.	O. A. Keyser
Baltzly, O. D., D. D.	1896	1911	Omaha, Nebr., 2602 Farnam Street	H. Fischer
Block, F.	.....	.....	Africa	
Bream, C. S.	1913	1923	Lincoln, Nebr., 847 South Fourteenth Street	G. A. Kurk
De Freese, K.	1917	1916	Omaha, Nebr., 2429 Mary Street	O. E. Schellberg
Dorn, George	1915	1919	Omaha, Nebr., 2602 Farnam Street	
Ebright, O. W.	1919	1924	Omaha, Nebr., Twenty-fifth and K Streets	L. C. Marsh
Fleck, E. L.	1887	1910	Lincoln, Nebr.	
Frank, A. O.	1923	1923	Auburn, Nebr.	George Snyder
Greenwalt, H. L.	1899	1918	Walton, Nebr.	Herman Stange
Guss, W. I., D. D.	1899	1919	Omaha, Nebr., 2051 North Twentieth Street	Otto Nelson
Harder, M. J.	1925	1924	Benedict, Nebr.	J. P. Nelson
Harman, C. B., D. D.	1900	1910	Grand Island, Nebr.	I. M. Augustine
Helms, R. A.	1896	1919	Stella, Nebr.	
Hershey, J. C.	1917	1917	Davenport, Nebr.	D. A. Berkey
Hoffman, Wm.	1902	1920	Allen, Nebr.	F. L. Benstead
Kahse, W. T., D. D.	1905	1912	Sidney, Nebr.	M. W. Riggs
Karriker, C. P.	1920	1925	Ponca, Nebr.	Wm. Auge
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910	Fremont, Nebr.	
Klink, W. A.	1917	1917	West Point, Nebr.	J. H. Thompson
Koolen, M., D. D.	1900	1922	Leigh, Nebr.	S. Rentshler
Kreutz, E. H.	1923	1923	Stamford, Nebr.	
Kuhns, L. M., D. D.	1886	1888	Omaha, Nebr., Saunders-Kennedy Bldg.	

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES—Continued

Kuhlman, J. F.	1858	1899	Lincoln, Nebr., Tabitha Home	
Lewis, C. H. B., D. D.	1904	1925	Fremont, Nebr.	
Livers, R. W., D. D.	1906	1916	Hooper, Nebr.	A. E. Hecker
Lowe, C. R.	1907	1913	Beatrice, Nebr.	J. P. Nauman
Martin, H. F., D. D.	1905	1925	Fremont, Nebr., Midland College	
Machetzki, P.	1915	1914	Buenos Ayres, S. A.	
Mendenhall, G., D. D.	1908	1922	Fremont, Nebr., Midland College	
Mortensen, G. E.	1920	1920	South Sioux City, Nebr.	Henry Runge
Mortensen, E. C.	1920	1920	Hardy, Nebr.	Henry Garman
Rangeler, W. F., D. D.	1898	1919	Fremont, Nebr., 1049 E .Military Ave.	
Rangeler, R. E.	1919	1921	Emerson, Nebr.	Ernest Enke
Raun, J. J.	1920	1920	India	
Ries, L.	1907	1918	Fall City, Nebr.	
Soholm, A. O.	1912	1922	Omaha, Nebr., 1009 South Twenty-ninth Street	H. J. Gernandt
Saas, W. H.	1925	1925	Dakota City, Nebr.	F. P. Culbertson
Stager, C. L.	1919	1925	Wayne, Nebr.	Robert Stambaugh
Stevens, W. H. N.	.....	.....	Newark, Ohio	
Utesch, J. H.	1904	1919	Tekamah, Nebr.	H. C. Stork
Voss, W. A.	1925	1925	Nebraska City, Nebr.	J. H. Petring
Vosseler, E. A.	1920	1923	Rising City, Nebr.	D. Laudenslager
Weaver, G. B., D. D.	1898	1916	Omaha, Nebr., 6521 Binney Street	A. Hedelund
Weertz, F. J.	1921	1921	Omaha, Nebr., 2602 Farnam Street	
White, R. A.	1886	1886	Wolbach, Nebr.	Paul White
Young, A. W.	.....	.....	Verdon, Nebr.	Wm. Weick
Xander, E. Clyde	.....	1925	Fremont, Nebr., Midland College	
Marohn, A. A.	1913	1919	Davenport, Iowa	

MINUTES

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF THE

Fifty-Third Annual Convention

OF THE

United Lutheran Church in America

The fifty-third annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in The First Lutheran Church in Rising City, opened Tuesday afternoon, October 13, 1925, with Communion Service conducted by the officers of the Synod. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Emerson, Nebraska.

The President of Synod opened the convention with the regular order. The roll of ministers was called and the lay delegates enrolled.

The following new members of Synod were introduced by the President: Rev. C. P. Karriker, Ponca, Nebr.; Rev. E. Clyde Xander, Dean of Midland College, Fremont, Nebr.; Rev. H. A. Anspach, North Platte, Nebr., and the Rev. C. L. Stager, Wayne, Nebr.

By motion the time for the meetings was set for 9:00 A. M., adjournment at 12:00 Noon. The meetings to be called again at 1:30 and adjournment at 5:00 P. M. The Evening Service to begin at 7:30 P. M.

The President read his report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

October 13, 1925.

Fathers and Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

In the Providence of God another year of activity in the Church as represented by our Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska has come and gone and we are permitted to assemble in this 53rd annual convention.

We extend our warmest greetings to the pastor, Rev. E. A. Vosseler, and people of the First Lutheran Church of Rising City who have so generously opened their church and homes to us for this convention of our Synod.

We would recognize first of all, with profound gratitude, the good providence of God in His tender care over us all and over His church during the year that has past, giving us health and strength to do His service and preserving us as a people from pestilence, famine, or war, or other material distress, but blessing us with health, peace, and an abundant measure of material prosperity.

We recognize also with gratitude the measure of grace and spiritual health and prosperity He has given to His church, as manifested in the loyal devotion of so many of His people to the great work of His kingdom and the faithful service of His ministers in doing the work committed to their hands.

We bow in humble submission to His will as we note that He has called one of the clerical members of our Synod to the church triumphant.

Rev. L. L. Lipe, a long time member of this Synod, was called to his eternal reward May 13, 1925. Rev. Lipe died at his home in Sharon, Wis., and was buried at Sterling, Ill. He was born at Hillsborough, Montgomery County, Ill., Oct. 17, 1844, and was aged at the time of his death, 80 years, 6 months, and 26 days.

He has served pastorates in this Synod at Lincoln, West Point, and Grand Island from which latter place he had retired from the active ministry only a few years ago to make his home in Sharon, Wis. A further account will appear under the report of the Necrologist of Synod.

We wish to make note, with gratitude to Almighty God, that He has preserved to us another year the life of the First President of Nebraska Synod, our esteemed Father J. F. Kuhlman, who will, if spared, celebrate his 96th birthday in a few weeks. His has been a laborious life but God is blessing him with a peaceful evening.

We beg lief to submit in briefest possible form a record of our official acts and such other information as may seem of importance to Synod:

Resignations

Name, Place and Date Effective.

Rev. H. L. Greenwalt, Allen, Nov. 4, 1924.
Rev. H. F. Schmidt, Chalco-Elkhorn, Nov. 20, 1924.
Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Davenport, Jan. 31, 1925.
Rev. R. Weismiller, Nebraska City, Jan. 31, 1925.
Rev. R. A. Helms, McCool Junction, March 1, 1925.
Rev. J. C. Hershey, Assistant, Grand Island, July 1, 1925.

Ordination Papers Deposited.

Rev. Elmer E. Kahl, Sidney, having been elected to the office of County Judge of Cheyenne County, Nebraska, surrendered his ordination papers to the President of Synod upon entering upon the duties of that office January 12, 1925. Rev. Kahl's name therefore is removed temporarily from the roll of this Synod.

Congregations Disbanded.

Dec. 28, 1924, the congregation at York, Nebr., disbanded and authorized the existing council to deed the properties over to Nebraska Synod. The properties consisting of church and parsonage are now held in the name of this Synod. A renewal of the work was begun by the President of Synod March 29, 1925, and is now progressing nicely with a bright hope of new and vigorous life in this congregation.

April 4, 1925, the congregation at Elkhorn disbanded and its material affairs have been settled up. No congregation of our Synod longer exists in Elkhorn.

Dismissals of Pastors to Other Synods.

Nov. 13, 1924, Rev. H. F. Schmidt to the Wartburg Synod.
January 14, 1925, Rev. R. R. Weissmiller to the Synod of Illinois.

Calls Accepted.

Name, Place and Date Effective.

Rev. H. L. Greenwalt, Walton-Eagle, Nov. 4, 1924.
Rev. E. H. Kreutz, Stamford, Oct. 9, 1924.
Rev. H. A. Anspach, North Platte, Dec. 1, 1924.
Rev. C. L. Stager, Wayne, Oct. 15, 1924.
Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Allen, Feb. 1, 1925.
Rev. R. A. Helms, Stella, March 1, 1925.
Rev. W. H. Saas, (Licentiate) Dakota City, Salem, Feb. 22, 1925.
Rev. W. A. Voss, (Licentiate) Nebraska City, June 1, 1925.
Rev. M. J. Harder, (Licentiate) Benedict-Bethel, June 1, 1925.
Rev. A. H. Miles, (Licentiate) Ohio Synod, St. James Mission, Lincoln, Nebr., May 24, 1925.
Rev. J. C. Hershey, Davenport, July 1, 1925.
Rev. C. P. Karriker, Ponca, Nebr., May 24, 1925.

Supplies.

During the year the following have acted as supply pastors of the places set opposite their names, either for some or all of the time. It does not include promiscuous pulpit supplies:

Student H. C. Cordts, Wilber, Nebr.
Student J. L. Sawyer, York-McCool Junction.
Rev. E. Lee Fleck, Emmanuel, Dakota City.
Student Ernest Harder, Emmanuel, Dakota City.
Student W. H. Saas, Salem, Dakota City.
Student C. A. Puls, Oshkosh-Lewellen.
Student Fred Wiegman, Oshkosh-Lewellen.
Student Henry Scherer, Hampton.
Student Carl Kemper, Oakland.
Student Paul White, Oakland.
Student M. J. Harder, Bethel, Benedict.
Student W. A. Voss, Nebraska City.
Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Homer.
Rev. Lauritz Laursen, Hubbard.
Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Hubbard.
Rev. A. L. Groseclose, Immanuel, Stamford.
Rev. C. R. Lowe, Spring Valley.
Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., Potter.

Accessions.

October 9, 1924, Rev. H. P. Anderson from United Danish Synod.
October 9, 1924, Rev. E. H. Kreutz from Missouri Synod.
October 9, 1924, Rev. A. W. Young by re-licensure for one year.
October 9, 1924, Rev. W. A. Voss, licensure for one year.
October 9, 1924, Rev. M. J. Harder, licensure for one year.
October 9, 1924, Rev. W. H. Saas, licensure for one year.
December 1, 1924, Rev. H. A. Anspach from Rocky Mountain Synod.
May 23, 1925, Rev. C. P. Karriker from Synod of Illinois.
Sept. 16, 1925, Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., from Synod of Indiana.
Sept. 21, 1925, Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D., from Synod of Indiana.
October 9, 1925, Rev. E. Clyde Xander, from Synod of Ohio.

Installations.

Nov. 2, 1924, Rev. E. A. Vosseler at Rising City, Nebr., by the President.

Nov. 16, 1924, Rev. H. L. Greenwalt at Walton-Eagle, by Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D.

Oct. 26, 1924, Rev. E. H. Kreutz, Stamford, Nebr., by Rev. R. A. Helms.

Nov. 30, 1924, Rev. Coy L. Stager, Wayne, by Rev. R. E. Rangeler.

Dec. 7, 1924, Rev. H. A. Anspach, North Platte, by President of Synod.

Feb. 1, 1925, Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Allen, by the President of Synod.

March 1, 1925, Rev. R. A. Helms, Stella, by the President of Synod.

May 24, 1925, Rev. C. P. Karriker, Ponca, by Rev. R. E. Rangeler.

July 1, 1925, Rev. J. C. Hershey, Davenport, by the President of Synod.

Appointments.

By the Executive Committee.

November 11, 1924, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., LL. D.; Rev. A. O. Soholm, and Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., a committee of three to co-operate with the Laymen's Movement Committee relative to the formation of a Tither's League in Nebraska Synod.

November 11, 1924, Rev. R. E. Rangeler of Emerson to represent Nebraska Synod on the Board of Directors of Nebraska Council of Christian Education.

January 15, 1925, Rev. R. E. Rangeler as a member of the Midland Assembly Committee to take the place of Mr. O. A. Keyser, resigned.

January 15, 1925, Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., to act as Business Manager of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran to take the place of Mr. O. A. Keyser, resigned.

January 15, 1925, Revs. George Dorn, O. W. Ebright, and K. deFreese, Secretary of Synod, to prepare an errata for the Minutes of Synod.

January 15, 1925, Mr. Gust Prestegaard of Grace Lutheran Church of Lincoln as a member of the Mission Committee of Synod to take the place of Mr. O. A. Keyser, resigned.

January 15, 1925, Rev. A. O. Frank as a member of the Mission Committee to take the place of Rev. R. R. Weismiller, resigned.

January 15, 1925, Rev. A. O. Soholm as a member of the Committee on Ministerial Education to take the place of Rev. H. F. Schmidt, resigned.

January 15, 1925, Mr. E. G. Sandberg, 4303 Franklin Street, Omaha, Nebr., as a member of the Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee to take the place of Mr. O. A. Keyser, resigned.

September 8, 1925, Mr. O. A. Keyser and Prof. C. K. Burkholder to audit the books of the Treasurer of Synod.

By the President of Synod.

October 9, 1924, Rev. R. A. Helms to install Rev. E. H. Kreutz at Stamford.

November 15, 1924, Rev. R. E. Rangeler to install Rev. Coy L. Stager at Wayne.

November 15, 1924, Rev. G. N. Mendenhall to install Rev. H. L. Greenawalt at Walton.

May 15, 1925. Rev. R. E. Rangeler to install Rev. C. P. Karriker at Ponca.

December 11, 1924, at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, I appointed Rev. C. S. Bream, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. A. O. Frank, Mr. O. A. Keyser, Rev. J. C. Hershey, and

Rev. H. A. Anspach, to be a special committee to get the Foreign Mission Program before the people in our congregations with special reference to the appeal for Andhra Christian College for India.

Vacancies.

All vacancies have been supplied during the year for the most part except Bruning and Chalco. From these there is no report.

Hampton, Dakota City (Immanuel) and Oshkosh-Lewellen would extend calls could suitable men be secured, but negotiations so far have been unsuccessful. They are all being supplied with services. These are the only places in the Synod open to calls at the time of this report which is a very exceptional condition for our Synod.

New Work.

January 4, 1925, the new Mission on Randolph Street, Lincoln, was organized to be known as St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Nebr., the President of Synod effecting the organization. Miss Mabel Brazda as Parish Worker was in charge of the congregation until May 24, 1925, when Rev. A. H. Miles, an ad interim licentiate of the Synod of Ohio, was called as pastor. Doubtless the application of this congregation for enrollment in our Synod will be before us at this convention of Synod.

Dedications, Anniversaries, Etc.

October 10, 1925, your President bore the greetings of Synod at the dedication of the new Gymnasium-Commons Building of Midland College.

October 12, 1925. The West Point congregation, Rev. W. A. Klink, pastor, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization. Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D. D., a former pastor, preached at the morning service. Rev. L. J. Powell, another former pastor, at the afternoon service, and the President of Synod at the evening service. A banquet followed on Monday evening at which time the address was by Rev. A. B. Leamer, D. D., another former pastor.

November 30, 1924, your president, attended by invitation the dedication of a Life Service Flag in the First Lutheran Church of Findlay, Ohio, and preached morning and evening.

December 11, 1924, a Special Conference of the Synod was held at the Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha, presided over by the President of Synod, under the auspices of the General Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. Frank Heilman, D. D., and Rev. J. R. Strock, D. D., were the speakers from the Board. Other speakers were Revs. George Dorn, R. W. Livers, D. D.; K. deFreese, Mr. O. A. Keyser, and Mrs. G. E. Hickman, and Mrs. L. A. Hornburg of the Women's Missionary Society.

December 21, 1925. The cornerstone of the new Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., pastor, was laid with appropriate ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.

March 15, 1925. A building commencement program at St. James Church of Lincoln was conducted by the President of Synod. The principal address was by Rev. C. S. Bream, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Lincoln.

May 24, 1925, the new bungalow chapel of St. James Church of Lincoln was dedicated, all the services being conducted by the President of Synod. Morning sermon was by Rev. J. F. Seibert, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, of the U. L. C. The afternoon service was a fellowship meeting at which addresses were made by the various visiting ministers and others. The evening sermon was by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., chairman of the Synodical Mission Committee. The new pastor, Rev. A. H. Miles, was present and introduced to the congregation.

June 28, 1925. The cornerstone of the new church of South Sioux City, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, pastor, was laid with appropriate ceremonies, the address being by the President of Synod.

July 26, 1925. The remodeled church of Tekamah, Rev. J. H. Utesch, pastor, was dedicated under most happy auspicies. The morning sermon was by Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., and the evening sermon by the President of Synod. Mr. Herbert Fischer of Omaha, State President of the Luther League, was present and spoke to the local League. The work of remodeling and furnishing cost approximately $17,600 00. A most liberal donation by Mrs. G. A. Crannell, a long-time member of this congregation and a most generous helper of the church, augmented by the subscriptions of the local congregation made the remodeling possible. A week of services followed with different ministers preaching. The new altar in this church is the gift of Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., in memory of his father, who first preached here.

September 20, 1925. The church at York, served by Student J. L. Sawyer of Western Theological Seminary, was dedicated after being extensively repaired at a cost of approximately $600 00. The President of Synod preached at the morning service, Rev. M. J. Harder at the afternoon service, and the supply pastor, J. L. Sawyer, at the evening service. The congregations of McCool Junction and Benedict were present in considerable numbers, the Benedict choir furnishing the music at the afternoon service. A basket dinner was served for those out of town. It was a grand day, much interest and a wonderful spirit manifest. The prospects are greatly improved for the future of this church.

September 27, 1925, our Mission at South Sioux City, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, pastor, dedicated its beautiful new church building. Morning sermon was by Rev. J. F. Seibert, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, the afternoon sermon by the President of Synod, and the evening sermon by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., chairman of the Synodical Mission Committee. Dr. Seibert had charge of the appeal for funds and $2,140.00 was raised which was more than sufficient to underwrite all indebtedness outside of the loans. As a Thank-Offering

in the evening more than $60.00 was laid on the plates for Benevolence, thus enabling the pastor to come to Synod with his Benevolence all paid. The approximate cost of the beautiful new building is $20,000.00. It is a joy to the congregation and a credit to the city.

Improvements and Other Matters of Note in the Congregations.

Allen—$602.00 paid on a former loan.

Auburn—New cement walk at parsonage, $100.00; electric organ blower, $250.00; paving tax $60.00; pastor's salary raised $180.00; total, $590.00.

Dakota City (Emmanuel)—Repapered church at cost of $55.00.

Dakota City (Salem)—Voted to secure a new parsonage.

Davenport—New parsonage and garage, $7,500.00, cost is oversubscribed. This congregation also increased its pastor's salary.

Emerson—Church windows screened and other minor improvements, $110.00.

Fremont—New church, complete estimate not yet available. Synod may be proud of this church. Probable cost $75,000.00.

Grand Island—Paid $350.00 interest on debt and put $600.00 in Building and Loan which is to be applied on debt.

Gurley—Electric light and water, total $126.00 paid.

Homer—Organ purchased, cost not given.

Lewellen—Church yard filled. No expense.

Leigh—On debt $300.00. New kindergarten chairs, repairs to heating plant, total unusual, $500.00.

Lincoln, Grace Church—$5,000.00 cash paid in for the new church to be.

North Platte—Paid on debt $1,000.00. Paid paving assessments in full, $1,760.00, total, $2,760.00.

Nebraska City—Parsonage repaired at cost of $400.00.

McCool Junction—Debt paid in full, $200; improvements on parsonage, $15.00.

Omaha, First English (Benson)—Repairs, $100.00; on debt, $200.00.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Decorating church grounds, $250.00.

Omaha, Redeemer—Improvements to church building, $3,959.34.

Omaha, St. Lukes—Improvements to parsonage, church and janitor's home, totaling $850.00.

Omaha, Grace—New furnace, $150.00; common service hymnals, $240.00; Cross for altar, $60.00; total, $450.00.

Paxton—Water fixtures in parsonage, $200.00; altar fixtures in church, $200.00, and $600.00 subscribed for a basement under the church.

Potter—$50 00 for church repairs, $80.00 for parsonage, latter not yet paid.

Rising City—$600.00 added to Church Building Fund. Mimeograph purchased, $75.00.

Stamford—Small improvements, $75.00; collection on house debt, $672.00.

South Sioux City—New church, $20,000.00.

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Sidney—Paint and other improvements, $200.00.

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Walton—Installed electric lights, $90.00.

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York—Repairs to church and parsonage about $600.00; paving tax paid for year, $275.00.

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These new buildings, repairs, indebtedness paid, etc., represent a total of about $150,000.00 outlay in the congregations of Synod for the past year for unusual expenses.

Church Property Settlements.

The property at Elmwood was sold for a net of $500.00 and the same loaned by authority of the Executive Committee to St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, for five years without interest, to be applied to the Property Fund.

The affairs of the church at Elkhorn were settled up by Rev. H. F. Schmidt, who holds the deed, paying the Synod $504.00 in lieu of all its claims in the property. The Executive Committee authorized its disbursement as shown in the Treasurer's report.

The settlement of Synod's interests in the Waverly properties is in progress at this time and will likely be consummated soon. These settlements are carried on through Mr. H. Fischer, our attorney for Synod.

The pews and other furnishings of the Elkhorn church which had been loaned from the old church at Surprise, Nebr., were removed to St. James Mission at Lincoln and refinished at a cost of $65.00 paid by the Mission Committee of Synod. These furnishings remain the property of the Synod.

On March 7, 1925, the church and parsonage at York, Nebr., were deeded to Synod and are now the property of this body. There is an interest bearing loan of $1,000.00 on the parsonage and $600.00 on the church, and paving assessments amounting to about $275.00 per year.

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signed for the Synod by the President and itemized reports made to the Executive Committee of Synod. The properties are well located and are of considerable value. It is hoped that in time they may be deeded back to a reorganized church in York.

Reports of Institutions and Organizations will come to Synod through the Trustees and Committees having these and their interests in charge, so that it will not be necessary to incorporate mention of these in this report.

Work of President.

Aside from what has already been included in this report we may add the following: Preached 79 sermons; made 16 other addresses; conducted 15 communion services; baptized 36 children; baptized 8 adults; confirmed 19; received otherwise into churches, 30; total received into churches, 57; conducted 2 funerals and assisted in 1; made 132 visits to churches and church councils; attended 6 meetings of the Mission Committee and 6 of the Executive Committee of Synod. Attended both conferences of Synod and visited Women's Missionary Society conferences and Synodical convention. Made two trips to Chicago to confer with Drs. Seibert and Bramkamp. Visited Maywood Theological Seminary; attended the U. L. C. convention in Chicago; attended State Convention of Luther League and made the closing address; attended meetings of Midland Assembly Committee and participated in the program of the Assembly and in conducting same; met twice with the Hospice Board of the State Luther League; gave four lectures to the students in Western Theological Seminary on Church Administration; delivered baccalaureate sermon at Midland College Commencement; addressed Luther Club of the Nebraska State University; met with Board of Trustees of Midland College and attended eight meetings of the Executive Committee of the College; attended and addressed the State Brotherhood Convention; attended two joint meetings with Committee of the Women's Missionary Society; made one high school commencement address; acted as Missionary Superintendent for Nebraska Synod and handled the affairs of the Board on the territory of our Synod; took care of all vacancies and had oversight of new building at Lincoln and repair work at York, and had sole care of the Mission at Bridgeport; held numerous conferences with committees and pastors and attended to the office work much of the time without any stenographic assistance. We have since the last meeting of our Synod traveled over 23,500 miles.

Total expense, traveling, office and stenographer, $340.04. Sent to Treasurer contributions made me from churches, $64.77, which leaves a net balance of expense to Synod of $275.27.

Much of the work of your President, of course, like that of the pastor, can never be put in figures. The days of perplexity and nights of worry can only be known by Him who understands all things. The details necessary to accomplishing results; the delicate problems involving personal animosities, jealousies, and prejudices; the misunderstandings and gossips and unfounded criticisms with which one meets in

the affairs of congregations and Synod as a whole makes the work, at times, very trying and throws us back upon God with the humble prayer that He may rule and over-rule all things to the final praise of His glory and the welfare of His church.

Yet we feel that our labors are not in vain in the Lord and when we think how many congregations we have been able to touch and help to better conditions we are made to conclude that the work of the President's office is bearing fruit.

We would express our most hearty appreciation of the loyal support and sympathy of our pastors and the great body of our laymen in the work and most earnestly solicit a continuation of the same as we enter by God's help upon another year of service in His church.

While it is likely the various Boards and Committees will present all necessary recommendations in their several reports, we desire to call special attention to a few matters:

1. We wish to make note of the work of the Committee on Evangelism and recommend to all our pastors a carrying out of the suggested program as far as adaptable to the conditions in each congregation, and an unceasing effort to reach the unsaved and erring with the Gospel of Christ and to upbuild the membership of our Churches with a stronger faith and more devoted service.

2. Recognizing the interest with which the Nebraska Synod Lutheran is being read by the people in our congregations we recommend the continuation of the paper for another year.

3. We wish to commend the efficient work done at the Midland Summer Assembly and recommend the further effort of our Synod to make this means for training church workers an institution of growing strength by giving it all the support possible.

4. We wish to call attention to the special appeals of the Board of Foreign Missions as presented by that Board to our Synod in the special conference held at Omaha December 11, 1924, and to express regret that this work, especially as it relates to the appeal for Andhra Christian College, has not received more attention in our Synod. We recommend that a renewed effort be made to arouse more interest and support for this cause among our people this coming year, and that the attention of the Brotherhood be called to the Andhra Christian College appeal as a special objective of the United Lutheran Brotherhood and our Luther Leagues.

5. We would call attention to the organization of a Nebraska Synod Tither's League and ask for its hearty approval by this body. It is a step toward the real practice of stewardship and will do much for the Kingdom of God as the members of our congregations enroll themselves in this League.

6. We commend the action of the State Luther League in the establishment of a Lutheran Hospice in Omaha as a special objective of the Luther League of Nebraska and commend the Hospice to the patronage of our Lutheran young people.

7. We commend most highly the splendid work being done by Midland College, and recommend that we pledge this institution our most hearty support and that the same amount as last year be placed on our Benevolence Budget towards its support.

8. We must call the attention of our Synod to the efforts of the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief to get a hearing by the churches in their work. Extended report will doubtless come before us through the Committee of our Synod charged with the interests of this Board. A campaign of Education is planned by the Board to get before our people the facts of this Board's work and the success of this campaign will largely depend upon the response the Board receives to its efforts from the pastors on the field. The United Lutheran Church has authorized this Board to put on a campaign for this cause in 1927-28 and it is most essential that the preliminary campaign of Education be efficiently carried out. We recommend the appointment of a standing committee of Synod to co-operate with the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief in this specific work of that Board.

9. Feeling that the great importance of developing more interest and activity on the part of the membership of our churches in the work of the various departments of congregational service, and also feeling the importance of the members of our churches getting better acquainted with each other and thus developing a body consciousness on the part of the churches of our Synod, we would recommend that the Church School Committee, the Young Peoples' Committee, the Brotherhood and other groups, district the churches identically with the districts outlined by the Women's Missionary Society as will appear in the report of the committee on redistricting of conferences and that these different groups be organized in districts and bring together as many members of the churches in these districts as possible in Workers' conferences, and other forms of meetings from time to time, the groups meeting simultaneously or otherwise as may be best workable in the various districts. Such meetings, we believe, would have great promotional and inspirational value as well as be very practical in securing and developing more and better workers in the congregations.

Tabitha Home.

10. We should greatly rejoice that Tabitha Home has at last laid the cornerstone of a new building September 27, 1925, and it will not be long until it will be enjoying the advantages of this much needed addition to its equipment.

Not being able to be present personally, the Synod was represented by Rev. F. J. Weertz, who extended the greetings of this body. We would commend Tabitha Home and its new building enterprise to the hearty support of all our people.

11. We appointed Rev. C. S. Bream to bear the greetings of Synod to the 45th Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of our Synod, which was held in the Grace Lutheran Church of Lincoln, September 29, October 1, 1925.

We cannot speak too highly of the excellent work of our Women's Missionary Society of our Synod in creating a better Missionary spirit in the congregations as well as adding greatly to the extension and support of all the missionary activities, Home, Inner, and Foreign. We wish there were an active organization of this society in all our congregations.

Latin America.

12. We desire to call attention to the work which the United Lutheran Church has undertaken in South America. Rev. Charles L. Fry, D. D., 222 Manheim Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., has been made the Foreign Board's special representative for the South American work.

A special movement is on foot to form a study class on "Latin America" in each congregation of the U. L. C. The text books are brand new, very thorough and very impressive, and the studies will be very helpful to all who take part in them. We commend this movement to our pastors, and organizations of our churches.

13. We wish, in this report, to bear testimony to the great help to our Synod rendered by its attorney, Mr. H. Fischer, of Omaha, in settling the property affairs of Synod in connection with congregations which have ceased to function and in the preparation of all forms of legal papers and general council in all legal procedures. He has rendered this service not for profit and deserves the gratitude of our Synod. We recommend that he be re-appointed to this office for the ensuing year.

In closing this report I desire to express again my great appreciation of the loyal support and co-operation given me throughout the year by the pastors and congregations of the Synod, without which but little can ever be accomplished, and most earnestly solicit such co-operation and a place in your intercessory prayers in the work of the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. RANGELER, President.

The following officers were elected: Secretary, Rev. G. B. Weaver. D. D.; Treasurer, Jos. H. Miller, M. D.; Statistician, Rev. C. S. Bream; Historian, Rev. R. A. White; Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D.. was re-elected a member of the Executive Committee.

The President appointed Miss Viola Delfs, of the Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, assistant to the Secretary during the sessions of Synod. The President also appointed the following Reporters: Mr. Paul White and Rev. E. A. Vosseler for the Local Paper; Rev. W. A. Voss for the Lutheran; Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., for the Nebraska Synod Lutheran; Rev. Weertz for the Omaha Papers, and Rev. C. S. Bream for the Lincoln Papers.

Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., who had been absent from the last two Sessions of Synod on account of ill health, responded

to the President's invitation by expressing his thankfulness in being able to attend this meeting of Synod.

A motion prevailed that the President of Synod prepare a special letter of Greetings to Dr. J. F. Kuhlman, at Tabitha Home, Lincoln, on his birthday, November 10.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the President of Synod:

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President's Report—Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D.; Rev. W. A. Klink, Rev. J. H. Utesch, Rev. Geo. Dorn, Mr. Ernest Enke, Mr. J. H. Thompson.

Conference Minutes and Reports—Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Rev. E. H. Kreutz, Rev. M. J. Harder, Mr. Simon Rentshler.

Leave of Absence and Absentees—Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.; Mr. Wm. Weick.

Letters and Papers—Rev. Alfred Young, Rev. R. A. Helms; Rev. E C. Xander, Andrew N. Christiansen.

Resolutions—Rev. H. A. Anspach, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D; Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D; Rev. L. Ries, Mr. Paul White, Rev. J. C. Hershey, Mr. Geo. A. Kurk.

Committee to Sort Treasurer's Files—L. M. Kuhns, D. D; G. B. Weaver, D. D.

Apportionment Committee—Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Rev. A. O. Soholm, Rev. Coy L. Stager, Mr. J. H. Miller, M. D.; Mr. A. T. Yost.

Claims and Pooling Expenses—Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. C. P. Karriker, Mr. L. C. Marsh, Mr. O. E. Schellberg. (See By-Law, page 61, Minutes).

New Congregations and Arrangement of Pastoral Charges—Rev. C. R. Lowe, Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D.; Mr. Robt. Stambaugh.

Committee on Speakers and Chaplain for Next Meeting of Synod—Rev. F. J. Weertz, Rev. A. O. Frank, Rev. W. A. Voss, Rev. W. H. Saas, Mr. I. M. Augustine.

Adjournment and prayer by Rev. M. Koolen, D. D.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O.'CLOCK.

The service was conducted by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., and Rev. Walter Voss. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., the President of Synod.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. A. White, Chaplain of Synod. Special music by the Midland College Male Quartette.

Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., opened the session with prayer.

The President read a telegram containing Greetings from Mr. W. F. Ottmann, President of the State Brotherhood.

Roll was called.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Council was read and adopted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Joseph H. Miller, M. D., read the Treasurer's Report. Report adopted. The Auditor's Report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Cash last report		$ 4,271.27
United Lutheran Church		17,758.65
Synod Treasury		3,965.55
Ministerial Education		1,134.86
Tabitha Home:		
Building Fund	$ 1,610.64	
Specials	352.94	
Apportionment	806.71	
		$ 2,770.29
Midland College:		
Apportionment	$ 5,223.09	
Seminary	314.48	
Specials	313.92	
		$ 5,851.49
Synod Paper		687.65
Salem Church, Fremont		1,387.07
Missionary Committee		1,695.45
Sale of Elmwood Property		500.00
Sale of Elkhorn Property		504.00
Foreign Missions		1,108.07
Luther League		68.36
Miscellaneous:		
World Service	$ 868.05	
Board Education	5.00	
Tornado Relief	47.88	
Nachusa Home	12.38	
Ministerial Relief	20.00	
Jewish Missions	10.00	
Good Shepherd Home	2.00	
Santa Barbara Relief	26.65	
		$ 991.96
Total		$42,694.67

Disbursements.

Treasurer United Lutheran Church		$17,758.65
Tabitha Home		2,770.29
Synod Paper		775.38
Midland College		5,851.49
Salem Church, Fremont		1,387.07
Missionary Committee		1,695.45
Loaned St. James Church, Lincoln		500.00
Foreign Missions, Specials		1,108.07
Paid from Elkhorn Property:		
H. Fischer	$ 10.00	
W. F. Rangeler	52.80	
Missionary Committee	38.24	
H. M. & Ch. Ex.	402.96	
		$ 504.00
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Paid from Synod Treasury:		
Mrs. R. R. Root	$ 20.00	
L. Englehart	5.00	
W. F. Rangeler	3,413.65	
C. G. Aue	65.41	
George Dorn	92.09	
K. de Freese	50.00	
R. W. Livers	52.70	
O. A. Keyser	50.00	
E. G. Sandberg	30.00	
I. M. Augustine	50.00	
G. Hahn	50.00	
H. Fischer	44.32	
M. Koolen	4.25	
J. H. Miller	71.85	
R. E. Rangeler	5.00	
M. M. Martin	40.00	
O. D. Baltzly	7.02	

L. M. Kuhns	8.20	
F. J. Weertz	5.57	
Field, Hamilton & Smith Paper Co.	2.38	
State Bank of Surprise	10.00	
G. B. Weaver	8.13	
Norman & Burket Printing Co.	7.50	
Corey & McKinzie Printing Co.	59.33	
C. S. Aldrich	16.00	
Chas. C. Pool	12.00	
Franklin Printing House	535.00	
A. O. Soholm	4.86	
Treasurer York County	104.10	
W. I. Guss	3.13	
Butler County Press	7.50	
H. J. Whitmore	5.00	
		$ 4,839.99

Paid from Ministerial Education Fund:

Henry Scherer	$ 200.00	
Paul White	200.00	
Walter Voss	175.00	
Max J. Harder	175.00	
Herbert Dichsen	175.00	
Erich Luschei	200.00	
Leo R. Neilson	175.00	
Wm. M. Harwick	175.00	
Edward Amend	200.00	
		$ 1,675.00
Cash on hand		2,768.96
Total		$39.925.71

Cash on hand as follows:

Synod Treasury	$ 1,256.15
Ministerial Education	1,579.98
Synod Paper, overdraft	67.17

TREASURER'S EXHIBIT.

	Appor't	Paid on Appor't	Pct.	Paid on Specials	Totals Paid
Sutherland	$ 93.00	$ 111.00	119 %	$ 19.00	$ 130.00
Dakota City	344.00	368.00	107 %	16.00	384.00
Rising City	581.00	620.00	106.7%	297.36	917.36
Omaha, St. Mark..	1,427.00	1,451.00	101.7%	85.00	1,536.00
Benedict, Bethel....	128.00	130.00	101.6%	40.14	170.14
Paxton	212.00	214.00	100.9%	27.00	239.00
Lincoln, Grace	1,461.00	1,470.00	100.6%	15.00	1,485.00

Omaha, St. Luke	1,230.00	1,231.00	100 %	132.31	1,363.31
Auburn	492.00	492.00	100 %	119.11	611.11
Benedict, Zion	374.00	374.00	100 %	25.00	399.00
Emerson	925.00	925.00	100 %	116.50	1,041.50
Fremont	1,107.00	1,107.00	100 %	297.42	1,404.42
Hardy	399.00	399.00	100 %	33.00	432.00
North Platte	1,983.00	1,983.00	100 %	73.05	2,056.05
Omaha, Redeemer	1,038.00	1,038.00	100 %	.....	1,038.00
South Sioux	413.00	413.00	100 %	45.90	458.90
Tekamah	236.00	236.00	100 %	16.00	252.00
Verdon	689.00	689.00	100 %	84.48	773.48
Wilber	107.00	107.00	100 %	10.50	117.50
West Point	1,825.00	1,576.00	86.3%	30.00	1,606.00
Grace, Omaha	940.00	764.16	81.3%	.....	764.16
Potter	138.00	112.25	81.3%	5.00	117.25
Beatrice	645.00	496.88	77 %	58.44	555.32
Gurley	295.00	220.00	74.6%	5.00	225.00
Grand Island	1,963.00	1,397.00	71.2%	.....	1,397.00
Sidney	310.00	220.00	70.9%	229.00	449.00
Allen	541.00	370.00	68.4%	7.50	377.50
Davenport	645.00	422.00	65.4%	29.00	451.00
Oshkosh	207.00	135.00	65.2%	.....	135.00
Stella	172.00	111.00	64.5%	.....	111.00
Hooper	708.00	422.00	59.6%	20.00	442.00
Hampton	467.00	274.00	58.7%	20.30	294.30
Walton	438.00	247.60	56.5%	47.40	295.00
Omaha, K. M.	15,149.00	8,467.00	55.9%	3,335.16	11,802.16
Stamford, Imman.	197.00	110.00	55.8%	21.00	131.00
Lewellen	216.00	108.00	50 %	9.50	117.50
Wayne	1,161.00	527.00	45.3%	71.00	598.00
Leigh	630.00	280.00	44.4%	113.50	393.50
McCool Junction	241.00	102.00	42.3%	26.60	128.60
Oakland	251.00	106.00	42.2%	.....	106.00
Falls City	851.00	346.00	40.7%	40.00	386.00
Wolbach	615.00	236.00	38.3%	14.00	250.00
Nebraska City	684.00	240.14	35.1%	63.45	303.59
Omaha, First	733.00	250.00	34.1%	55.35	305.35
Creston	433.00	138.69	32 %	25.00	163.69
Dakota, Emmanuel	153.00	49.00	32 %	4.00	53.00
Stamford, Trinity	320.00	100.00	31.2%	7.31	107.31
Ericson	147.00	27.00	18.4%	.....	27.00
Eagle	191.00	25.00	13.1%	7.00	32.00
Chalco	144.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bruning	266.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Homer	325.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ponca	718.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
York	.....	86.25	.....	.....	86.25

Spring Valley	54.00			54.00
Lincoln, St., James	8.18		10.15	18.33
Synod in Session	23.79			23.79
L. M. Kuhns	5.57			5.57
Perkins Printing & Stationery Co.			.25	.25
W. F. Rangeler			89.77	89.77
Woman's M. Soc.			88.75	88.75
J. F. Kuhlman	30.50			30.50
Lions Bonding & Surety Co.			1.17	1.17
Elmwood Property			500.00	500.00
Elkhorn Property			504.00	504.00
B. M. Croll			84.02	84.02
Mary E. Kerl	2.00			2.00
Totals	$31,431.65		$6,991.75	$38,423.40

From the above we learn that:

Total received for the year	$38,423.40
Total received last year	37,077.63
Total received on apportionment this year	31,431.65
Last year	29,098.04
Deficit this year	14,755.35
Last year	10,143.96

Per cent paid this year, 68; last, 74; two years ago, 87.

11 churches just paid their quota.

8 netted an excess of 119.00

4 paid nothing.

Brethren, the figures speak for themselves.

The conclusion is we love many things much more than we love the Lord and His Kingdom. First things first is God's way.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER, Treasurer.

Fremont, Nebr., Oct. 10, 1925.

To The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Your Auditing Committee has checked the books of the Treasurer and finds them correct.

Balance on hand at beginning of year	$ 4,271.27	
Receipts for year	38,423.40	$42,694.67
Disbursements		39,925.71
Balance		$ 2,768.96

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. BURKHOLDER, O. A. KEYSER, Auditing Committee.

The report of the Statistician, Rev. Geo. Dorn, was read and adopted.

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Index Number	PAROCHIAL						FINANCIAL																							
	Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Exp			Congregational Benevolence										Summary			
	Men's		Women's		Young People												Apportioned			Unapportioned									
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures				
1	1	27	2	51	2	115	$ 16000	$ 4000				$ 20000	$ 285	$ 1919	$ 852	$ 2771	$ 370		$ 171		$ 2			$ 152	$ 155	$ 525	$ 3296				
2	1	18	2	38	1	20	4000	4000				8000		2195	300	2495	492			28	105	15	37	15	200	692	3187				
3			2	46	2	33	20000	7000				27000		2104	507	2611	493		142		30	14	50	59	153	646	3257				
4														300		300	54		54							54	354				
5			2	31			10000	3000				13000		1141	43	1184	374				1	12	47	31	91	485	1669				
6			1	18			1000					1000		377		377	130	2				28	28		56	186	563				
7			1	10			1800					1800																		
8			1	4			6500				600	7100					31		161							31	31				
9					1	32	5000					5000		1303	300	1603	368	24				10	131		141	509	2112				
10			50	1	34		26000	7500				33500		1990	7704	9694	422		223	5		14	24		43	465	10159				
11																														
12																														
13	1	20	2	67	3	110	25000	5000				30000	136	3353	89	3442	925			1500	80	10	18	483	2091	3016	6458				
14			1	39	2	96	4000	4000				8000		1801		1801	346		505	500	21	36		68	625	971	2772				
15			3	141	2	90		7000			4000	11000		3760	1019	4779	1107			180	477		23	27	707	1814	6593				
16			3	105	2	65	32000	3000				35000	3250	5367	1150	6517	1397		566	45	10		15	110	180	1577	8094				
17			1	27	1	18	3000	5000				8000		1296	183	1479	275		192	210			14	20	244	519	1998				
18			2	71	1	15	20000	6000				26000		2292	61	2353	399				30		56	24	110	509	2862				
19			1	25	1		3000					3000							325												
20	1	18	2	72	1	28	25000	75000				32500	2000	2750	705	3455	427		281	25				92	117	544	3999				
21							2000					2000	250						88												
22			1	20	1	80	15000	7000		300		22300	3300	2402		2402	280		270					164	164	444	2846				
23	1	65	5	146	2	70	25000	6000				31000	4000	7022	4588	11610	1470	9			75		175	55		305	1775	13385				
24			1	10	3	49	7500					7500	6000				8									8	8				
25			1	15			6500	6000				12500		2175		2175	101		138				26		26	127	2302				
26			2	51	1	12	9000	5000				14000		2572	522	3094	240		444	10			108	133	251	491	3585				
27	1	76	3	198	3	86	100000	10000				110000	21500	7738	2770	10508	1983			531		29	157	164	881	2864	13372				
28			1	18	1	14	5000					5000					106		145							106	106				
29			2	43	1	15	15000					15000	2500	3180	402	3582	250		483	64		29	149	42	284	534	4116				
30			2	68	3	65	20000					20000	1800	4570		4570	764		176	10	25	9	107	20	171	935	5505				
31	1	240	4	420	2	236	400000		15000	1500	105000	521500		28497		28497	8467		6682	3184	956	4588	2034	764	11526	19993	48490				
32	1	28	1	48	2	70	20000					20000	3300	3449	848	4297	1038					5		26	12	43	1081	5378				
33			3	61	2	32	10000				19000	29000	12250	3587	305	3892	1231	1							35	185	1416	5308				
34			2	66	2	55	20000	5000				25000		4201	248	4449	1451	24		92	61		134	469	756	2207	6656				
35			1	40			4000					4000		525		525			207								525				

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Index Number	PAROCHIAL: Church Societies: Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Young People Number	Young People Members	FINANCIAL: Valuation of Church Property: Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Exp: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolence: Apportioned: Paid	Excess	Deficit	Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned	Summary: Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
36			1	40	1	30	4000					4000		700		700	216									216	916
37			1	22			1000	2000				3000		1270	295	1565	214	2		1400			10		1410	1624	3189
38			1	12			1000					1000		450		450	111	18		75					75	186	636
39			1	42	1	20	20000	7000			300	27300		850	71	921	48				30				30	78	999
40			1	40			8000	4000				12000		3171	550	3721	620	39			50		123	130	303	923	4644
41			1	30			6500	2000			250	8750		1105		1105	230		80	150	13		55	16	234	464	1569
42			1	24			4000					4000		847	125	972	220		75				50	5	55	275	1247
43							3000	1500			300	4800		200	100	300	117		21		25			5	46	163	463
44	2	20	1	27	1	18	25000					25000	10000	1216	5281	6497	413					8			8	421	6918
45			1	25			2000	3000				5000	672	3400		3400	100									100	3500
46			1	24										225		225	110			30				21	51	161	386
47			1																								
48			1	22	1	12	16000	4000				20000		1803	13197	15000	236						36	116	152	388	15388
49			2	31	1	30	22000	3000		500		25500		2676		2676	689				203		35		238	927	3603
50			1	30	2	32	4000					4000		981	715	1696	236		379		11		25	14	50	286	1982
51							1200					1200		112		112	27		120							127	139
52							10000	3000				13000	603	1318	205	1523	280		158				6	15	21	301	1824
53							4000					4000		275		275	25		166							25	300
54			2	55			10000	4000				14000		2829		2829	527		634					71	71	598	3427
55			2	23	3	27	4000	2000				6000		1026	91	1117	107				15	5	37		57	164	1281
56	1	40	2	93	1	25	45000	7000			600	52600		4545	858	5403	1575		250	29				10	39	1614	7017
57			1	15			4500	4500				9000	2000	1140		1140	107		203							107	1247
58			1	20	1	40	8000					8000		1195	150	1345	159							15	15	174	1519
59																											
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	10	552	80	2574	54	1674	$1064500	$149000	$15000	$2300	$130050	$1360850	$73846	$133200	$44234	$177434	$31366	$119	$13339	$8143	$2150	$4982	$3782	$3302	$22360	$53746	$231180
	15	643	81	2568	49	1827	$1002300	$146300	$15000	$3100	$131059	$1298559	$57735	$123927	$28160	$152087	$28332	$ 69	$ 9994	$4690	$2960	$3364	$2955	$4902	$18871	$47453	$199540
				6	5		$ 62200	$ 2700				$ 62291	$16111	$ 9278	$16074	$ 25347	$ 3034	$ 50	$ 3345	$3453			$1618	$ 827		$ 3489	$ 6293	$ 31640
	5	91	1			153				$ 800	$ 1009										$ 810			1600			

GEORGE DORN, Statistician.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN.

Accuracy in statistics is somewhat of an index of a pastor's efficiency in his parish. "Accuracy" is the cry of every statistician throughout the United Lutheran Church. Carelessness in the upkeep of Church records is no doubt the reason for so much inexcusable inaccuracy. Statistics seem to be distasteful to most of the pastors. Statistics have value only in so far as they present the actual facts. Thirty-five out of the fifty-six reports received had to be corrected, eight pastors insist on reporting cents. The reports as a whole show a marked improvement. Only ten reports, of those received, came in late, this is a two hundred and fifty per cent increase over last year. Five failed to report and one report came too late to be tabulated.

Analysis.

		Increase	Decrease	1915	Increase
Congregations	56	.....	2	49	7
Membership:					
Baptized	16,776	.....	40	9,286	7,491
Confirmed	11,463	188	.....	6,958	4,505
Communing	8,235	486	.....	4,537	3,698
Church Schools	56	.....	3	44	12
Officers, Teachers	886	43	.....	607	279
Scholars	7,691	366	.....	5,429	2,262
Catechumens	1,245	14	.....	635	610
Students:					
For the Ministry	14	.....	4	7	7
In Lutheran Schools	103	29	.....	.....	.....
In Non-Lutheran Schools	264	74	.....	.....	.....
Church Societies:					
Men's	10	.....	5	6	4
Membership	552	.....	91	157	395
Women's	80	.....	1	37	43
Membership	2,574	6	.....	593	1,981
Y. P. Societies	54	5	.....	32	22
Membership	1,674	.....	153	1,196	478
Church Property:					
Total	$1,360,850	$62,291	.....	$518,800	$852,050
Indebtedness	73,846	16,111	.....	60,173	13,673
Financial:					
Congregational Expenses:					
Total	$ 177,434	$25,347	.....	$ 55,061	$122,373
Benevolences:					
Apportioned and Unapportioned	$ 53,746	$ 6,293	.....	$ 10,352	$ 43,394
Grand total	$ 231,180	$31,640	.....	$ 68,808	$162,372

Recommendations

1. That we again request the conferences of Synod to make provision for the study of the Parochial Report Blank at their Spring Sessions.

2. That Synod pass a standing resolution, authorizing the Statistician to indicate with an asterisk those churches which fail to send their reports on time.

3. That Synod instruct the Examining Committee to include the Parochial Report Blank, as one of the subjects in examining young men.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DORN,
Statistician.

The report of the Historian, Rev. R. A. White, was read by the Secretary of Synod, and adopted.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Your Historian reports as follows:

1. The clerical roll of the Synod, including accessions, dismissals, and deaths, is complete to date.

2. One year ago the Synod authorized me to write a history of Tabitha Home prior to the time when it came into the Lutheran church. I have not done this on account of failing eyesight. I hope to regain my sight and complete this work by next year. Tabitha Home has an early history that should not be lost.

3. Thirty young men have gone into the ministry from the Nebraska Synod congregations as follows: Three from Ponca, six from Dakota City, two from Omaha, three from Stella, three from Wolbach, two from Beatrice, two from Surprise, and one each from Auburn, Oakland, Lincoln, York, Grand Island, North Platte, Yutan and Fontenelle. We may note two important facts from this list: 1. Nearly all of our ministers come from small towns and churches. These should be well taken care of. 2. Twenty-two of these men have studied at Midland college and the Western Seminary. These institutions should have the undivided support of the Synod.

R. A. WHITE,
Historian.

The report of the Necrologist, Rev. R. A. White, was read by the Secretary of Synod and adopted. Rev. White led in prayer. It was resolved by common consent that the Secretary of Synod send a copy of the Necrologist Report pertaining to the death of Rev. L. L. Lipe, to bereaved family.

NECROLOGIST REPORT.

During the year death has claimed one from the clerical roll—Rev. L. L. Lipe. He was called to his eternal home May 13, 1925.

Brother Lipe very acceptably served charges in the Nebraska Synod as follows: Lincoln, West Point and Grand Island. We bear testimony to the fact that his life was exemplary, his sermons deeply spiritual, and his ministries effectual. He desired to remain in the pastorate until he had completed a ministry of 50 years, but on account of failing health he was not able to do this, but his long service for the Master bore very much precious fruit.

He rests from his labors and his works follow him.

Resolved that the secretary of Synod be authorized to extend the sympathies of this body to the surviving relatives.

Resolved that this report be adopted by the rising vote while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

R. A. WHITE,
Necrologist.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Dr. W. F. Rangeler and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of Synod held five meetings since the last session of Synod as follows:

November 11, 1924, at the Y. M. C. A. in Omaha.
January 15, 1925, at Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha.
March 16, 1925, at Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha.
June 18, 1925, at College Dormitory, Fremont.
September 8, 1925, at Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha.

Much that was done at these meetings was the same matter reported upon in the President's report and needs not to be embodied here. The appointments by the Executive Committee are reported under the President's report.

At the meeting January 15, 1925, the sale of the Elmwood church properties was authorized. Also the taking over of the York properties by Synod and the President directed to retain them in the ownership of the Synod and reopen services when feasible in the hope of organizing a new congregation. At this same meeting the President and Secretary were directed to ascertain Synod's interests in the church properties at Waverly and effect a settlement of Synod's claims in this property.

The revised Articles of Incorporation having been printed in the volume of minutes for 1924 it was considered unnecessary to have them separately printed.

At the meeting held March 16, 1925, the Executive Committee approved the Clean-Up Campaign of Midland College to begin May 1, 1925.

At this meeting the Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay as rebate, to those delegates to the last meeting of the Nebraska Synod who may demand the same, the amount of their railroad fare, less the average expense of $5.57, as fixed by the pooling committee. At this meeting the Executive Committee granted a request of the Mission Committee that the proceeds of the sale of the Elmwood church properties amounting to $500 be loaned by the Executive Committee of Synod for five years without interest to the St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, and that a note signed for the Congregation by the officers of the congregational meeting authorizing the loan be taken as security, the money to be applied to the property fund of the St. James church.

The Secretary of Synod was authorized, at this meeting, to issue an order on the Treasurer of Synod for any balance necessary to pay the street paving assessments now delinquent on the parsonage and church property at York.

The Committee also authorized that the income received from the congregation and properties of the York church be deposited in the American State Bank of York in the name of the Synod against which checks for the payment of current expense bills of said church shall be issued signed for the Synod by the President of Synod, an itemized report of which shall be made from time to time to the Executive Committee of Synod. These reports appear in the minutes of the Executive Committee which are kept in the custody of the Secretary of Synod.

It was also moved and carried that the President and Secretary of Synod be authorized to sign for the Synod a note and mortgage on the York church lot to the American State Bank of York for a loan of $600, the funds to be used in placing the church and parsonage in repair.

At the meeting held September 8, 1925, the President and Secretary were authorized to receipt in full to Rev. H. F. Schmidt for the sum of $504 in settlement of Synod's interests in the church properties at Elkhorn by reason of the church having disbanded and to sign a quit claim deed to Rev. H. F. Schmidt in consideration of same.

The President of Synod was authorized to appropriate the Parsonage at York for the Student Pastor, Mr. J. L. Sawyer and family, and to ask the Mission Committee to make up any balance on taxes and interests that can not be made up from the congregation. So far, with the exception of one tax assessment delinquent when the properties were taken over, all bills have been met locally.

The Executive Committee approved separate services for Oshkosh and Lewellen if found necessary and possible.

All other actions passed by the Committee appear elsewhere in the reports to Synod and are not necessary here.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RANGELER,
Chairman,
K. DE FREESE,
Secretary,
O. D. BALTZLY,
C. G. AUE,
A. O. SOHOLM,
Executive Committee.

The report of the Delegates to the U. L. C. Convention at Chicago, was read by Dr. C. G. Aue. The report was adopted as corrected.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO U. L. C. CONVENTION.

Your delegates to the Fourth Biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, held at Chicago, Ill., October 21-29, 1924, would respectfully report as follows:

Those attending the Convention as delegates from our Nebraska Synod were: Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D.; Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D.; Rev. Geroge Dorn, A. M.; Rev. K. de Freese, Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D.; Mr. E. G. Sandberg, Mr. O. A. Keyser, Mr. M. M. Martin, Mr. G. Hahn and Mr. I. M. Augustine.

The Business Sessions of the Convention were held in the Edgewater Beach Hotel and were presided over by Rev. F. H. Knuble, D. D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America. Rev. M. G. G. Sherer, D. D., was Secretary of the Convention. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of these two men as President and Secretary, respectively, for the ensuing biennium and also the re-election of Mr. E. Clarence Miller, LL. D., as Treasurer.

A spirit of co-operation and good feeling permeated the entire convention. Everything pointed to the stability of our church in its doctrinal position and to a healthy and prosperous condition in the church's life.

The addresses of all the secretaries tended to open the eyes of our church to its vast fields of opportunity at home and abroad and create an ardent desire that our United Lutheran Church should go forward to larger things.

It is not the purpose of this report to present detailed matter of the convention. That has all been reported in the periodicals of the church and may be read by all concerned. The acts of the Convention are further all published in the official minutes of the meeting, a copy of which volume is in the possession of every ordained minister of the Synod.

It becomes the specific duty of this delegation to report such matters as touch us in our Nebraska Synod and call attention to any action that should be taken by us at this meeting of our Synod.

1. The first item demanding our attention is the proposed amendment to Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church. The article to be amended reads: "Article IX, Section 1, The officers of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular convention and shall serve until their successors are elected. The President, who shall be an ordained minister, and the Secretary shall be chosen from the delegates present."

Proposed amendment: Stop after the word "treasurer." Insert the sentence, "The President shall be an ordained minister of the church." Then the following sentence: "The officers shall be elected by ballot at each regular convention, but shall not take office until the first day of the third month after their election."

So amended the article would read: "The officers of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President shall be an ordained minister of the Church. The officers shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention, but shall not take office until the first day of the third month after their election." See Minutes, Pages 48 and 24).

In this form the Convention voted to submit the amendment to the Constituent Synods for action. It is, therefore, before our Synod for consideration at this time.

2. A second action which concerns us was that with reference to the time of closing of the fiscal year. See Minutes, Page 58 (c) and 99 near top.

"Close of the fiscal year: In regard to this matter there was found to be great confusion. Most of the Synods determine the time of their fiscal year by the time of their meetings. These run through nearly all the months of the year. While it may not be vitally important, it does seem to be very desirable to have the fiscal year of all the Synods, and if possible, of all the congregations, to harmonize. We believe the best time for this would be the close of the calendar year, which is also the close of the apportionment year of the United Lutheran Church. We recommend, therefore, that the Convention take action requesting all the constituent Synods to work to this end."

We recommend that our Synod consider the matter of making this change in the close of the fiscal year of the Synod and of its congregations.

3. Concerning Stewardship Month. In connection with the report of the Laymen's Movement Committee the development of our many Lutheran Laymen for more and better Christian service in the church was urged and the following action taken which ought to concern our Pastors and Laymen: (See Minutes, Pages 107 and 108).

"Representatives of the Synodical Committee on Stewardship, Secretaries of Beneficence and the Laymen's Movement, respectively, recommend that the United Lutheran Church, in convention assembled, consider the advisability of setting aside the month of November of each year as a stewardship month."

"That the Convention recommend to the congregations through district Synods that the pastors be urged to emphasize stewardship during the said month:

(a) Through sermons.

(b) Through the Sunday School: Class instruction and discussion and specially organized discussion groups.

(c) Through the Young People's organizations by pageants, playlets and study groups.

(d) In the women's organizations, through the presentation of topic studies and discussion.

(e) In the Brotherhood as in (d) above.

(f) Through the distribution of suitable literature."

We recommend that this action be approved and carried out as far as possible in our Synod.

4. Concerning information about the Every Member Canvass, (See Minutes, Page 77) the following action was taken:

"In order to aid the Every Member Canvass conducted by the Laymen's Movement the Executive Board recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, First, That in view of the great importance of securing full information governing the annual Every Member Canvass, all pastors and church officials be urged to make prompt and full reply to all official communications addressed to them by the Laymen's Movement of the United Lutheran Church.

Second, That the passing of a similar resolution and the planning of means necessary to assure prompt replies to such communications be commended to the Constituent Synods."

In pursuance with this action we recommend that the resolutions be approved and our pastors and church officials of all our congregations be urged to keep the Laymen's Movement of the United Lutheran Church informed of what they are doing or not doing with regard to this important matter.

5. Concerning raising the apportionment in full, the following resolution was adopted (See Minutes, Page 161):

"Resolved, That the United Lutheran Church, in Convention assembled, urge upon all its Constituent Synods the importance of their giving fullest support to the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement in their continued vigorous organized efforts to accomplish the raising of the apportionment in full in each of the Synods of the United Lutheran Church for the biennium 1926 and 1927. Each Constituent Synod is further requested to take definite action on the matter at the next convention."

We recommend that this Synod comply with this request and promise its most earnest co-operation with the Laymen's Movement in its efforts to bring about this most desired result.

6. Concerning uniformity of method in division of apportionment, the following resolution was passed:

"That each of the Synods be requested to prepare annually a budget which shall include all payments to be made by it; and that money received for the joint budgets of Synod and the United Lutheran Church be proportionately divided between them."

As this is the method already used by our Synod it is merely inserted here for information.

7. Matters with reference to the bases of fixing the apportionment to the Constituent Synods were left for further consideration pending the next Convention of the United Lutheran Church. Upon this we have an utterance from the Executive Board of date of May 20th, 1925, which in short defers action in the matter until it is passed upon by the United Lutheran Church in Convention assembled. Until such time it will remain as at present.

8. A motion carried "That we commend the Pacific Theological Seminary to the hearty support and sympathy of the Church, Synods, congregations and individuals."

We recommend that the attention of our congregations and individuals be hereby called to this action of the United Lutheran Church in regard to the Pacific Seminary and their sympathy and support requested.

9. Under the report of the Board of Education the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Synods and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be urged to co-operate in securing and equipping adequate church or school buildings, or other facilities, for the better service of our Lutheran students in non-Lutheran educational centers."

We give this here for information.

10. Under the head of Matters Statistical the following resolutions passed at the Convention would concern the Synods: (See page 454 of minutes).

"(1) That all Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church be again requested to have their minutes printed in uniform size and style."

"(2) That those Constituent Synods which have modified the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet be requested to conform their practice to the Standard."

"(3) We request that the fiscal years of all congregational organizations, congregations, Synods of the United Lutheran Church be made concurrent with the calendar year—ending December 31st each year, and that all published reports and statistics be of the date of December 31st of the previous year, thereby aiding the effort for uniform and accurate statistics in the United Lutheran Church."

"(4) That the Constituent Synods again be requested to print their parochial reports crosswise on the page, and not vertically, using only two pages for all the rubrics, thereby having opportunity to make use of 41 lines to a page; and that all parochial reports contain a summary in which a total is given for the Synod for the year covered by the report, together with a total for the preceding year and a comparative statement of increase and decrease under all rubrics."

"(5) That the Constituent Synods again be requested to make provision for the presence of their Statistical Secretaries at future Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in order that they may attend the Conference of the Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention."

On these resolutions we would recommend the following action:

(1) That Nos. 1, 2 and 4 are the present practice of our Synod.

(2) That No. 3 be referred to the Executive Committee of Synod with power to act and communicate their action to the Pastors and Councils of the Churches with methods of procedure as to how to bring about this change and comply with this request of the United Lutheran Church if the Committee deems it advisable to do so before another meeting of Synod.

(3) That action upon No. 5 be contingent upon the election of delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention.

11. Concerning necrological reports (See Minutes, Page 508), the Convention urged "again the hearty co-operation of the Necrologists of the various Synods with the Secretary of this committee, so that our records may be kept accurate and complete" and passed the following resolutions:

"Resolved (1), That we request that the Necrological report of the various Synods be published on separate sheets, so that they can be readily removed and placed in loose-leaf folders by the Secretary of this committee.

(2) That we request that ten copies of the Synodical reports be sent to the secretary."

We recommend that this request and these resolutions be referred to the Necrologist and Secretary of Synod to be complied with as far as possible in printing the minutes of Synod.

12. A resolution was passed concerning the reporting of the work of the Convention to congregations which we wish could have been carried out in better form. (See Minutes, page 334). "Resolved, That the Presidents and Executive Committees of Synods give consideration to a plan by which delegates to this Convention appear before as many congregations as possible for the purpose of describing and reporting the work of the Convention and of the United Lutheran Church during the past biennium."

In the hope of securing better results in this respect from the next Convention of the United Lutheran Church we recommend that this item be referred to the Executive Committee of Synod with power to

arrange with the delegates to the next convention for the carrying out of such a plan.

13. Concerning publicity (See Minutes, Page 498) the following recommendation of the Committee on Publicity was adopted: "We recommend that the Convention ask all the Contituent Synods to co-operate with the National Committee on Publicity through their local Synodical Committees on Publicity."

In conformity with this action we recommend the appointment by the Executive Committee of a standing committee of this Synod on Publicity and instruct such committee to co-operate with the National Committee.

14. In closing this report we would recommend that our pastors inform themselves of the wide action of this Convention of the United Lutheran Church by a careful perusal of the volume of minutes and use their efforts to acquaint the membership of our congregations with the history, institutions, work, opportunities and objectives of our United Lutheran Church in America—the body to which they belong and through which they are seeking to carry on the organized work of the Lord's Kingdom in the world.

The next biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America will be held at Richmond, Virginia, in October, 1926, and our delegates to the same should be elected at this session of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RANGELER, Chairman,
C. G. AUE,
GEORGE DORN,
K. DE FREESE,
R. W. LIVERS,
E. G. SANDBERG,
O. A. KEYSER,
M. M. MARTIN,
G. HAHN,
I. M. AUGUSTINE.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. Geo. Dorn and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Never has there come to the attention of mankind the story of a man in which were found more contrasts, than in the account of the man who sobs out the words "NO MAN CARETH FOR MY SOUL." Everyone recognizes this statement as coming from the lips of David. David found himself pursued by Saul, fled to the cave of Engedi, near the coast of the Dead Sea. There in the gloom of the cave, utterly discouraged, he gave expression to those sad words.

"No Man Careth for My Soul."

Every pastor knows that there are hosts of people today who think and feel that they have a right to use these words of the Psalmist: "NO MAN CARETH FOR MY SOUL." They know that we have confessed Christ but we have failed to show our interest in them, we have neglected to speak to them about their soul's welfare.

The World Not Concerned About Souls.

The world is not concerned about caring for souls. It is not in the business of caring for souls. Caring for souls is the task of the church. We have been saved to serve. It has pleased God to use us in the business of caring for souls. The extension of His kingdom is limited to our willingness to extend it.

Greatest Need of the Age.

There are many needs of this day and age, but the greatest of them all is, that somehow, a wave of our obligation and responsibility to the unsaved, would pass over the membership of our churches. If we believe God's Word to be true, then we are in duty bound to speak to those with whom we come in contact. "We are watchmen upon Zion's Walls. When God says unto the wicked Thou shalt surely die: and we give them not the warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hands." There is no more encouraging symptoms in the church today, than the endeavor throughout the United Lutheran Church, as well as other sister churches, along the lines of Evangelism. Unquestionably our Lord must have some purpose in mind when He thus stirs the heart of His people everywhere.

Activity.

Shortly after the meeting of Synod last year a circular letter was sent to the pastor urging special observance of the Reformation Festival. During the month of February the Synod was led in special "Pre-Lenten Missions." The congregations of Synod were arranged in twenty groups, with a chairman in each group. Suggestive literature was prepared by the Committee for these services. The editors of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran gave generous space to the Committee's plans. About sixty per cent of the Churches participated in one way or another. Due to the courtesy of Kountze Memorial church about 3,000 sheets of suggestive outlines for adult catechisation were sent to all the pastors. Eight circular letters were sent to the pastors touching various phases of Evangelism.

Recommendations.

1. That our pastors show greater interest in these Synod-wide programs.

2. That Synod again approve a series of Pre-Lenten Missions during the month of February.

3. That Synod designate the Sunday preceding these services as a day of Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DORN,
Chairman Committee on Evangelism.

Dr. Holmes Dysinger, Dean of the Western Theological Seminary, was introduced to Synod.

The report of the Committee on the Re-Districting of the Synod was read by the Secretary and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING OF CONFERENCES

In accordance with action passed upon by Synod and Women's Missionary Society Convention, that the President, Secretary and Conference Presidents meet, with power to act, to consider the redistricting of the Synod for conference, a meeting was held Wednesday, September 16, at the Omaha Y. M. C. A. at 10:00 A. M.

The following members were present:

Presidents—Dr. W. F. Rangeler, Mrs. G. E. Hickman.

Secretaries—Rev. K. de Freese, Mrs. L. A. Hornburg (sub. for Mrs. H. C. Cordts).

North Platte Conference Presidents—Dr. R. W. Livers, Mrs. M. D. Willert.

South Platte Conference Presidents—Rev. C. S. Bream, Mrs. H. L. Greenawalt.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. W. F. Rangeler and opened with prayer by Dr. R. W. Livers. It was voted that Dr. W. F. Rangeler act as chairman and that Mrs. G. E. Hickman act as secretary, furnishing a copy of the minutes for each organization.

After careful study and due discussion it was voted that it is deemed advisable to make no change in the Synodical Conference boundaries as established by the Constitution of the Synod of Nebraska.

2. It was voted—That this committee recommend to the Women's Missionary Society that for their conferences the state be redistricted according to natural divisions into seven districts to be as follows:

1. Northeast District comprising South Sioux City, Dakota City, Salem and Emmanuel, Homer, Hubbard, Ponca, Allen, Emerson, Wayne.

2. Omaha, District comprising Omaha, St. Lukes, St. Marks, Kountze Memorial, Benson, Redeemer, Grace and Tekamah.

3. Southeast District comprising Auburn, Nebraska City, Stella, Verdon, Falls City.

4. Lincoln District comprising Lincoln, Grace and St. James, Eagle, Walton, Wilber, Beatrice, Spring Valley, Hardy.

5. Fremont District comprising Fremont, Hooper, West Point, Oakland, Leigh, Creston.

6. Central District comprising York, Rising City, Grand Island, Wolbach, Ericson, Hampton, Benedict, Bethel and Zion, McCool Junction, Davenport, Stamford, two churches.

7. Western District comprising North Platte, Oshkosh, Lewellen, Paxton, Sutherland, Sidney, Gurley, Bridgeport and Potter.

It was voted that the President of Synod be asked to recommend to the Synodical Committee for Brotherhood, Parish and Church School and Young People's the same districting for carrying on their work as is herein voted for recommendation to the Women's Missionary Society.

It was voted to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RANGELER.

The report of the Committee on Church Architecture was read by Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE.

Your committee has not been consulted concerning any church building and therefore has nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. KOOLEN,
G. B. WEAVER,
GEORGE DORN,
W. F. RANGELER.

The report of the Mission Committee was read by Dr. W. F. Rangeler, and adopted. The Treasurer's Report of the Mission Committee was referred back until an Annual Report could be given.

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Mission Committee of Synod would submit the following report:

Meetings of this Committee were held October 15, 1924, November 6, 1924, January 8, 1925, March 16, 1925, May 23, 1925, August 18, 1925, all at the Y. M. C. A. in Omaha, Nebraska.

At the first meeting organization was effected by the election of Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., Chairman; Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D.; Secretary, and Mr. A. V. Enholm of Omaha, Treasurer.

The following Missions have received support from the Board of Home Missions on Pastor's Salary during whole or part of the year:

South Sioux City, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Pastor.
Omaha, Benson, Rev. G .B. Weaver, D. D., Pastor.
Sidney-Gurley, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., Pastor.
Paxton-Sutherland, Rev. H .P. Anderson, Pastor.

Chalco-Elkhorn, Rev. H. F. Schmidt, Pastor.

York, Student J. L. Sawyer, Supply Pastor.

Dakota City (Emmanuel), Student Earnest Harder, Supply Pastor.

Lincoln, St. James, Rev. A. H. Miles, Pastor.

Of these, South Sioux City, Benson, Sidney-Gurley, and Lincoln (St. James) have received aid throughout the entire year. Benson and Sidney-Gurley have both reduced in considerable sum the amount of aid received, and the work in both these Missions is progressing finely.

Paxton-Sutherland became self-sustaining again on June 1st, 1925, at the same time increasing the salary of the pastor and has gone over the top in the amount of its benevolence paid to Synod. A splendid new life and activity has been taken on by this charge. It was only temporarily helped by the Board for one year.

Chalco-Elkhorn became vacant November 20, 1924, by the resignation of Rev. H. F. Schmidt to accept a call in another Synod and no aid has been given since.

York and Dakota City (Emmanuel) began receiving aid June 1, 1925, when student pastors were placed in these fields, that of the latter being discontinued when the student returned to school in September.

There are, therefore, at the present time, five missions in our Synod receiving aid from the Board.

By reason of the Missionary Superintendency being delegated to the President of Synod for the year considerable touching these missions appears under the President's report and needs no repetition here. Also a rather extended account of the Missions was given in last year's report (See minutes of last year, page 37) and does not require repetition.

Most of the Missions have made commendable progress during this year. In some places difficulties have been encountered that have been detrimental to the work.

The South Sioux City Mission rejoices greatly in the dedication, September 27, 1925, of a fine new church at the approximate cost of $20,000, giving the congregation a beautiful and churchly place of worship after many years of housing in a rented hall.

The St. James Mission of Lincoln dedicated a new Bungalow Chapel May 24, 1925, at an approximate cost of $4,000, exclusive of repairs placed upon the house now used for a parsonage. On the same date Rev. A. H. Miles took charge as pastor. The equipment is very complete and affords a commodious and pleasant place for the congregation to carry on its work.

The Elkhorn Mission has disbanded and its financial affairs have been settled up. $504 were turned over as Synod's equity which was disbursed by order of the Executive Committee as follows: To Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the U. L. C. in payment of note to the Fronteer Fund for the Elkhorn Mission, $250; to Mr. H. Fischer, Attorney for Synod for expenses in the settlement, $10; to W. F. Rangeler, President of Synod, refund of amount paid to the Kensing-

ton Society of Elkhorn to secure removal of furniture to St. James Mission in Lincoln, $52.80; to Board of Home Missions of the U. L. C., prorated share of the balance, $152.96; to Mission Committee of Synod, prorated share of the balance, $38.24, making total disbursements of $504.

The York Mission during the year has passed through considerable discouragement but is again active and, under the new arrangement, very promising. On December 28, 1924, the congregation disbanded and ordered the properties deeded over to Synod, which was done. By authority of the Executive Committee of Synod services were reopened March 19th by the President of Synod. The congregation was united with the congregation of McCool Junction, nine miles south of York, on June 1st, 1925, and Mr. J. L. Sawyer placed in charge of the field as Student Pastor. A loan of $600 was negotiated by the President of Synod from the American State Bank of York, secured by a first mortgage on the church property in York and the money used in making extensive repairs on church and parsonage. The work of making these repairs was ably managed by the student pastor. On September 20, 1925, a rededicatory service was held, consisting of an all-day meeting, attended by large representatives from the McCool congregation and the Benedict congregation and by an earnest gathering of the members and friends of the York congregation. The parsonage was appropriated October 1st by action of the Executive Committee of Synod and the student pastor has moved his family into the same and will continue in charge of the field.

At Bridgeport no pastor has been in the field, the circumstances not warranting it, but the President of Synod has taken care of the group of Lutheran people found there and gives them occasional services, these services are now being held in a private home.

To present any outlook as to the many opportunities for Home Mission work in our Synod in this report would only be to repeat what has been said so often in previous reports. The work is limited by the shortage of means and of suitable men to do the work.

Your Committee found it impossible to carry out the action of the Synod in authorizing the employment of a Field Missionary at the last session of Synod because the resources were not forthcoming.

We recommend that the work of this committee be placed upon the budget again this year in an amount equal to 15 cents per capita, which is the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. GUSS, Chairman,
W. F. RANGELER, Secretary,
O. W. EBRIGHT,
A. O. FRANK,
R. B. WELLER,
GUST PRESTEGAAAD,
Committee.

AUDIT OF MISSION COMMITTEE TREASURER.

October 30, 1925.

This is to certify that we have this day audited the books of the Synodical Mission Board and have found the same to be correct with these exceptions:

Cash according to Bank Statement		$476.44
Unpaid vouchers:		
No. 638	$105.00	
No. 639	23.34	
No. 640	9.57	
No. 641	9.50	
Balance per treasurer's record	329.03	
		$476.44
Cash on hand		$329.03
Time certificates (State Bank of Omaha)		462.73
Time certificate (State Bank of Omaha)		300.00
Time certificate (State Bank of Omaha)		200.00

We find that these certificates have not been renewed since August 17, 1923, and they only call for interest for six months from date. These certificates should be renewed and interest collected.

We find various warrants to ministers for preaching at the St. James Mission at Lincoln which are not specifically authorized.

Neither can we find authorization for warrant No. 625 for $1.66 and warrant No. 636 for $2.25.

We also find that warrant No. 598 was authorized as $92.30 but issued for $92.53.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. GLOYER,
H. W. FISCHER,
Auditing Committee.

The report of the Ministerial Pensions and Relief Committees was read by Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D., and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your committee would report that the General Committee of the U. L. C. is planning to make a special effort during the 1927-28 to raise an endowment sufficient to provide adequate support for retired and disabled ministers and their families.

We recommend that a committee be appointed to begin the campaign of education throughout the congregations of our Synod this year, and that the Nebraska Synod co-operate as far as possible in this matter.

During the year the Committee on Ministerial Relief aided the beneficiary of the U. L. C. as follows:

Retired ministers	186
Disabled ministers	17
Widows	413
Children	76
Total amount	$147,300

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE N. MENDENHALL,
Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Midland Assembly for Church Workers was read by Rev. A. O. Soholm and declared pending until the afternoon session.

Adjournment and prayer by Dr. C. B. Harman.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. A. O. Frank led in prayer.

Roll was called for the benefit of the Pooling Committee.

The Executive Session of Synod was held.

The report of the Committee on Midland Assembly for Church Workers was continued. The report was adopted.

MIDLAND ASSEMBLY REPORT

Your committee met at Fremont, Nebr., December 17, 1924, with representatives of the Women's Missionary Society, Luther League, Brotherhood, College and Synod.

Items pertaining to the finances and the program for the 1925 Assembly were discussed and the time of the Assembly was determined.

A second meeting was held in Omaha, January 28, 1925. The various organizations mentioned above were represented. The object of this meeting was to effect a permanent organization. A constitution was adopted and officers were elected. The representatives of these organizations were declared the present Board of Directors.

The following committees were appointed: Program, Finance, Publicity, Entertainment and Recreation.

The Assembly was held at Midland College, June 21-28, 1925. The program covered the various church activities. The faculty consisted of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Dr. D. Burt Smith, Miss Tilda Nelson, Dr. Chindlund, Dr. Klotsche, Dr. Baltzly, Dr. Rangeler, Rev. R. V. Kearns, Rev. C. F. Koch, and Dr. J. F. Krueger. The program was splendid and the attendance was very good.

The Assembly was financed by appealing to the congregations throughout the Synod. The money thus secured and registration fees amounted to $460.21; cash paid out, $335.46; balance of $124.75. $100 of this balance will be added to the amount already on interest. We herewith submit a constitution to be adopted by this session of Synod.

Recommendation

We again recommend to the various churches and congregational societies of the Synod that they give the Midland Assembly their

financial support and emphatically urge their members to avail themselves of the many good things offered at the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. SOHOLM,
President.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Midland Assembly for Church Workers

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this Association shall be MIDLAND ASSEMBLY FOR CHURCH WORKERS.

ARTICLE II—MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

The MIDLAND ASSEMBLY shall be controlled by and subject to the direction of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and its Board of Directors shal lbe appointed by said Synod according to specifications herein described. (See Article V).

ARTICLE III—PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to train leaders for the various departments of Church work; to promote a greater interest in the study of God's Work; to quicken the activity and increase the efficiency of the members of our churches in the extension of the Kingdom of God; to develop the spiritual, intellectual and social life of the Assembly Members.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Association shall consist of members of congregations and constituent organizations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska and of Midland College and any interested persons of other Lutheran Bodies and of other denominations who shall qualify under the following classification:

The membership shall be classified as follows:

A. Those paying the registration fee shall be known as active members. The amount of this fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

B. Those who pay a fee of $2.50 per annum shall be known as Sustaining Members.

C. Those paying $5.00 or more per annum shall be known as Patrons.

D. Members of the Faculty of Midland College and their families, the Student Body of Midland College, and all children under fourteen years of age in attendance at the Assembly shall be known as Honorary Members and of these no registration fee shall be required.

E. All persons qualifying as members under the above classification shall be admitted to all the sessions and open meeting of the Assembly.

ARTICLE V—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors who shall consist of thirteen members to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska as follows:

A. The Executive Committee of Synod shall appoint two from the Women's Missionary Society, one of these to represent the Young Women's Society and one The Light Brigade; one from the Lutheran Brotherhood; one from the Luther League; and four from the membership of the Midland Assembly, one of which shall be a member of the Midland College Faculty. Each of these organizations shall have the privilege of placing in nomination candidates for their respective representatives on the Board of Directors.

B. The President of Synod, the President of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, the President of the Synodical Brotherhood and the Synodical Secretaries of Church Schools and Young People's Societies shall be EX-OFFICIO members of the Board of Directors of this Association.

Section 2. The members of the Board of Directors are to serve for a term of two years beginning with the Annual Meeting at the close of the Annual Session of the Assembly, except that for the first year under this Constitution one-half of the appointive members shall be appointed to serve for one year.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall hold two Annual Meetings one at the beginning of the Annual Assembly and another at the close of the same to take care of any business falling within their jurisdiction. Special meetings may be called by the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors as necessity may require, and they shall call a meeting upon the written request of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer to be elected from the Board of Directors and by them at their Annual Meeting at the close of the Assembly, and their terms of office shall begin at that time. They shall be active members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Section 2. Election shall be by ballot and a majority of votes cast shall be required for an election. (See Article 5, Section 2).

ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee—The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee of this Association. It shall be the duty of this Committee to represent the Board of Directors and to carry out its resolutions; to attend to the business of the Board during the interim.

Section 2. Other Committees—In addition to the Executive Committee there shall be the following standing Committees named from the Board of Directors: Program (3 members), Finance (3 members), Publicity, Entertainment; and such other committees as the work may require at any time. The Chairman of these Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Other members of the Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Chairman. Their duties shall be the usual duties devolving upon such

committees, or such duties as may be designated for them by the Board of Directors. They shall report their work in writing to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting and at other times when reports are desired by the Board or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS

Section 1. The Midland Assembly shall be held annually at the Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska; the time to be decided upon by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting held at the close of the Assembly, which time may not be changed except with the consent in writing of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as set forth in Article V, Section 3.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet when deemed necessary for the transaction of business at the call of the President.

ARTICLE IX—QUORUM

The members present at any annual or regularly called meeting of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE X—FINANCE

Section 1.The finances of this Association shall be obtained as follows:

A. From membership fees as specified in Article IV of this Constitution.

B. From plans devised by the Board of Directors through the Finance Committee.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall not at any time involve the Synod in any indebtedness without the permission of the Synod.

Section 3. The regular expenses of members of the Board of Directors incurred in attendance upon meetings of the Board, meetings of Committees of the Board, or as officers of the Association and other necessary expenses approved by the Board of Directors shall be paid from the Treasury of Midland Assembly.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to transact business and make appropriations to meet all necessary expenses when the Board is not in session.

ARTICLE XI—DATE WHEN EFFECTIVE

This constitution shall be operative for 1925 Assembly, insofar as its provisions are applicable to the work of the Assembly Committee as already constituted for this year, and permanently operative as soon as approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and approved of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

By-Laws of Midland Assembly

1. The Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating Committee from the Board of Directors previous to the meeting of the Assembly to report at the Annual Meeting at the close of the Assembly. (See Article VI).

2. Vacancies on Committees caused by death, resignation, removal, etc., shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee of Synod.

3. A Platform Manager shall be appointed by the Executive Committee whose duties shall be designated by the Committee.

4. Order of business for Board Meetings:

1. Prayer.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes.
4. Election.
5. Reports of Officers and Committees.
6. Bills and Communications.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Adjournment.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by the Rev. F. J. Weertz and adopted. A motion prevailed that the Secretary of Synod and the Editors of the Nebraska Lutheran have this report published.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The report blank this year is the one recommended to the Constituent Synods by the statisticians of the U. L. C. A number of questions of our own have been added so that an accurate survey of our own Synod could be made. Forty-three reports have been received out of a possible 58.

1. Public Worship.

We find a most encouraging condition existing in the attendance reports of the churches. Twenty-seven congregations report increasing attendance, while 14 give their attendance as stationary, with but two showing a decrease.

With but four or five exceptions the morning services are better attended than the evening. The average in the morning being 121, and 65 for the evening.

Thirteen report no evening service. There is a thought-provoking fact revealed by the comparison of the number attending services and the confirmed membership of the church. The total attendance at both services per Sunday is 6,465, or 57 per cent of our confirmed membership. Where are the 43 per cent? Do they not desire the Bread of Life? It is a searching question for us as pastors to think about.

The male membership of our church averages 43 per cent.

The problem of the young people seems to be still unsolved. Every church, with one exception, reports a difficulty in keeping the young people from drifting. Solutions offered are all the way from a show and good social life under church supervision to parental supervision and great personal effort.

There is a deplorable neglect of the family altar. Only 12 pastors report on this vital part of our congregational life. With three exceptions, namely, 75 per cent, 61 per cent and 34 per cent, only 10 per cent of our families observe family worship.

The evening services as a whole consist of series sermons, song services, and evangelistic messages.

There is but one mid-week service reported in the Synod.

The Common Service is in general use with few exceptions, it being found too difficult in some cases. Thirty-four use it, eight report no. One uses the old Washington service.

2. Festival Seasons.

Thirty-eight congregations observe the main festivals of the Church year. Six do not. Thirty-four report special services and an intensive observation during Lent of the central truth of the Christian religion, the death of Jesus Christ. Eight churches report no observance.

3. Lutheran Practice.

All churches have four communion services during the year with the following exception: Two report five services. One reports two services.

There are but eleven congregations holding separate preparatory services.

Catechetical instruction is universally observed. The one year instruction period seems to predominate. The churches report that they receive members only after proper instruction, few exceptions noted to the contrary. This is almost an ideal condition, and the one sure way to build a faithful membership.

4. The Sunday School.

Lutheran literature is used exclusively.

Thirty-three schools have a total of 70 adult Bible classes with an enrollment of 1,540. Where are the other thousands of adults?

Fifty-four per cent of our Sunday School pupils stay for divine worship. Three churches have 100 per cent attendance. This is the ideal that we should strive for.

Four churches have 100 per cent attendance of their council at Sunday School. Five report none present in Sunday School. The rest range from one to thirteen in attendance.

Twenty-seven per cent of those attending the Sunday School are non-members or the children of such.

5. Church Societies.

Thirty-two congregations report no candidates in training for either missionary, pastoral, or deaconess service.

Eleven persons at present are preparing themselves for definite service.

Thirteen workers have gone into the active service.

With two exceptions, no church societies are entirely social in character.

There are nine active Brotherhoods with a total membership of 558. Five report the organization to be successful, three fair, and one says it is not a successful organization. Thirty-three report no organizations. With 43 per cent of our membership men and only 558 men enrolled, there is a tremendous proportion of manpower unorganized.

6. Church Finances.

Most congregations raise their funds by the E. M. C. One by taxation. The duplex envelope system is in general use. Ten churches are not using the budget system, the rest are.

Tithing is not being stressed generally. There are 179 tithers. Fourteen pastors report that tithing is encouraged, yet there is not one tither in the church. How can a man consistently encourage tithing and not be a tither himself?

Perhaps some of the congregational financial problems can be answered when, according to reports, there are but 70 per cent of the confirmed members contributing. The reason the apportionment is not met is the fact that of those reporting only 57 per cent of the confirmed membership pay toward this cause. Nineteen churches have separate benevolence treasurers. Twenty-two do not. There are sixteen churches sending quarterly statements, twenty-two are not. One church sends statements every two months. Twenty-two churches do not send their apportionment regularly, while seventeen do send it in monthly. Excuses for failure to meet the apportionment are numerous, yet they may be summed up in three points: extra heavy home expense; apportionment is too high, and too many inactive members. A congregation with no missionary vision needs Christ and a spiritual awakening of its stewardship obligations.

Pastor's salaries average $1,406.00 with parsonage. Six reporting without parsonage average $3,130.00 per year. Eleven report the sad indifference on the part of the congregation to pay its salaries regularly. Only two congregations furnish automobiles for the pastor and two furnish $10 a month toward car upkeep.

Adequate insurance on the buildings is not generally carried. Twenty-eight buildings are in excellent and good condition; nine are fair; and one is poor.

7. Miscellaneous.

Leadership seems to be about evenly divided in the number of men and women, averaging 11 each to the congregation. Ten men report that the work is becoming more difficult, while 18 claim that the work is growing less difficult. Five state that the work is stationary.

8. Church Records.

Thirteen show that church records are carefully preserved. Nineteen that they are not. Thirty report records in good condition, and 12 that they are not. Twenty-five report that the history of the church is complete while 19 report no.

We, as a committee, have endeavored to present to you the exact conditions. Figures may seem monotonous but there is no other method of gaining an accurate report without visiting the fields.

As we study these statistics and make comparisons, we feel that the pastors and the church at large have much to encourage them. There are, however, deplorable deficiencies in fundamentals, which are in dire need of being emphasized in a fearless and forceful way for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your Committee,
FREDERICK J. WEERTZ,
ALFRED O. FRANK.

Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, President of the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society, was introduced to Synod.

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

At the last meeting of Synod a recommendation was adopted that the Churches of the Synod have a Father and Son banquet in order to emphasize the need of more men for the ministry. Comparatively few of the Churches planned to carry out this recommendation. Twelve churches reported such a banquet, with a total of 36 cards signed by boys who are thinking of preparing for the ministry, and 56 cards signed by fathers who are willing that their sons enter the ministry. We need to encourage all these boys and their fathers. Three other churches planned to have such a banquet at another time, but no report has been given. The cards show that more fathers are willing to have their sons become ministers than there are sons who desire to become pastors. We have been of the opinion for some years that not many parents desired their sons to be ministers, but according to the cards signed that opinion is proven false.

The regulations of the Western Theological Seminary in regard to the theological students doing supply work have brought splendid results. The students are doing better work in the class room and none of the churches are suffering any by such an orderly arrangement. We commend the President of Synod and the Dean of the Seminary for working together so harmoniously for the highest welfare of the Church.

A number of men who have been helped by Synod to prepare for the ministry have fulfilled their agreement. The provision is that if they are faithful in the ministry of the United Lutheran church for ten years, their notes are null and void. These men were in earnest and

sincere when they applied to Synod for help. They have been working for the Lord to the best of their ability. The Treasurer of Synod, according to constitutional requirement, will return to these brethren their notes. We record the names of these brethren in this report: W. H. Naffziger, R. R. Weissmiller, George Dorn, Paul Machetzki, Emil Dooring and Fritz W. Nolte.

During the past year our Synod assisted nine young men:

Walter A. Voss, Senior in the Seminary	$ 175.00
Max J. Harder, Senior in the Seminary	175.00
Erich Luschei, Junior in the Seminary	200.00
Edward Amend, Junior in the Seminary	200.00
Paul White, Junior in the Seminary	200.00
Henry Scherer, Irregular Junior in the Seminary	200.00
Herbert Dichsen, Freshman in the College	175.00
Wm. M. Harwick, Freshman in the College	175.00
Leo R. Nielsen, Freshman in the College	175.00
Total	$1,675.00

The grades of all of these young men show that they did good work during the last year. We commend them for their attention and interest in their preparation. Studious habits are becoming to a minister of the Gospel. Two of these young men are now regular pastors in the Synod and are here for ordination: Walter A. Voss of Nebraska City and Max J. Harder of Benedict.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the following young men receive aid for the year:

Paul White, Middler in the Seminary	$ 200.00
Henry Scherer, Middler in the Seminary	200.00
Herbert Dichsen, Sophomore in the College	175.00
Wm. M. Harwick, Sophomore in the College	200.00
Leo R. Nielsen, Sophomore in the College	200.00
Wm. Fred Martin, Irregular Freshman in College	100.00
Total	$1,075.00

2. That each pastor use his influence upon the most promising boys of his congregation to encourage them for the ministry.

3. That the Ministerial Education Fund be granted $1,700.00 by the Apportionment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Church Schools was read by Rev. R. E. Rangeler, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

Your Committee desires this year to present to the Members of Synod a Cross Section of the Clerical Mind concerning the importance and character of the work being done by our Churches in and through

our Church Schools. With this end in view there was sent to the Pastors who are actively engaged in this phase of the work a question sheet asking questions of general and personal character. We wish to thank the brethren of Synod for their prompt and enlightening replies.

The purpose of this report will be to indicate the replies given and then leave Synod draw its own conclusions.

The first group of questions asked first concerning the official relationship of the Church to the Church School. Following are some of the replies. "It is an organization of the Church," "under the supervision of the Church," "in close relationship," it is an "auxiliary of the Church." The Church is a "real Loving Father," the "parent of the Church School," the "step-father" of the Church School; while another replies that there is no official relationship between the Church and the Church School. There seems to be a general haziness on this subject of relationship between the Church and the Church School.

The first group of questions also shows that only three Congregations have an Educational Committee, which reveals to what a large extent the Church School is shifting for itself.

As to the interest of the Church Councils in the Cchurch Schools, the replies are as follows: "None," "none that I see," "twelve per cent of Council in Sunday School," "very little," "seventy-one per cent interested," and one Church reports that all members of the Church Council are in the Church School. In general the reports indicate that with very few exceptions, the Church Councils have but little direct interest in the work of the Church School. The answer to the question concerning the place of the pastor in the Church indicate that most of them are a "teacher," a few are supervisors and only one reports that he has no place in the Church School. Only two Congregations provide in their budgets for the expenses of the Church School, the Church School paying its own expenses in all other Churches. This is another indication of the interest of the Congregation in the Church School—the child of the Church must pay its own way.

The last question of the group was, "What do you think should be the ideal relationship of Congregation and School." "It should be under the direction of the Church," "mutual in interest and work," "school schould be the nursery of the Church," "the Congregation should elect the officers and teachers of the Church School," "it is adult responsibility for our youth," are some of the representative replies.

The second group of questions indicate that the average period of instruction is about 30 minutes, and that most of the schools are graded as far as equipment in the building will permit. Lutheran Lesson material is used practically throughout.

In answer to the question, "Are teachers trained as you would like to have them?", one answers "yes," one "well trained," one 60 per cent trained and eighteen answer "no" with great emphasis, one brother replying "no, far from it." The trained teacher requirements are greatly varied in the minds of the pastors. The Teacher Training Courses,

Catechetical Instruction, Bible Information, Church Membership, Doctrinal Knowledge, Lesson Study, methods study and even normal training are some of the requirements mentioned. And when we ask if the Church could or should demand these qualifications, the answers are just as varied. Quite a few reply "yes," probably meaning that the Church should demand these qualifications. "Should, but can't," "should, but do not," "Cannot demand of those who labor out of good will," "not the practice to do so," are some of the expressions used. One Pastor invites us to come down to his Church and try to demand these qualifications of the teachers.

Six pastors report that they are ready to furnish teachers for week day religious instruction, while most of them are not ready and one is opposed to such a work on the part of the Church in connection with the Public Schools.

When we ask as to how the work of our Church Schools compares with the work done by other Church Schools in the community, ten report, "ahead," three "behind," two "medium" and three "about the same."

The third group of questions indicates that most all of our Church Schools gather their workers together for Conferences of some form or other. Literature of an inspirational character is very scarce outside of the Teachers' books and Sunday School papers.

We then asked about the County or State Associations known as County or State Councils of Christian Education. Fourteen replied that their Church School was affiliated with such organizations and eight replied "no." The personal opinions of the brethren as to this phase of the work is as follows: "It is good," "quite favorable," "get as much out of it as you put into it," "conducive to large efficiency," "of little real benefit," "have no time for it," "not favorable," "not zealous about it," "not prepared to say," "of no value," "no good for our School," "no inspiration," "much ado about little," "Methodistic and Congregationalistic in practic," "Un-Lutheran," "too much of the liberalistic and materialistic element in it," and one replies that "it is absolutely worthless." The mind of Synod seems to be hopelessly divided on this question.

The question was then asked, "What should Synod do to promote the work of the Church Schools?" Here are some of the suggestions, "Insist on Teacher Training," "Have District Church School Organizations and Conventions," "Work out an educational program for our Church Schools," "hold a State Lutheran Church School Convention," and one suggests that Synod should "start something."

Most of the Church Schools are trying to increase the interest and efficiency of the Church School. Airplane contests, Missionary Instruction, Community Canvasses, Checking up on absentees and teacher visiting are some of the forward steps mentioned.

General suggestions made by the brethren of Synod are as follows: "Adopt a Church School Constitution," "Create a Department for Sunday School Teachers at Midland College," "Urge Week-Day Religious

Instruction," "Hold group Lutheran Sunday School Institutes," "Have a Lutheran State Church School Convention." Others suggest that the Combination Service be introduced, and another that all revival songs be cut out.

Brethren of Synod, we feel that our Church is still experimenting with the Church School. This cross section of the clerical mind of Synod is but an example of the various thoughts, ideas and conceptions which exist with reference to the work of the Church School. We hope the time will soon come when the mind of the Church can be crystalized concerning this important work of the Church being done by the Church School.

This report is respectfully submitted with the appended recommendations.

R. E. RANGELER,
Secretary of Church Schools.

Recommendations

1. That this body urge upon all our Church School Workers the opportunities for greater Service to be had by their attendance at the Midland Assembly for Church Workers.
2. That this body approve of the holding of District Conferences for Church School Workers whenever possible for Dr. Lewis to give time to this work.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was read by Rev. Geo. Dorn and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES

It is not very difficult to work up a good-sized grouch about the young people of our day. There is nothing easier in the world than to criticize. The older members of our churches are disposed to be out of sympathy with the spirit of the young. This is not as it should be. Every pastor and thoughtful layman realizes the great assest that the church has in its young people. Pity on the church that has no young people. They are the hope of the church of tomorrow. Every department of our church looks to its young people as its future leaders. From them we will recruit our councilmen, our Sunday School superintendents, and our missionary leaders. How important then for every pastor and congregation to give them the best encouragement and leadership. The pastor and congregation, which fail to realize the importance of a Young People's Society, are neglecting one of the most important and promising phases of work that the Master has committed to His church.

A Great Forward Step.

The State Luther League of Nebraska has undertaken great things. With the kind assistance of the Synod, the State League has authorized the establishment of a Hospice for Lutheran young people in Omaha.

This is the greatest challenge that has come to the young people of our Synod. The Board of Directors has rented a beautiful residence in one of the finest locations in the city of Omaha, right across from Turner Park, Thirty-first Avenue and Dodge Street. A matron has been engaged to supervise its residents. The opening date has been set for November 1. Every pastor and layman is asked to recommend the Hospice to our young people when moving to Omaha. The rates will be from $7 to $10 per week; this includes board and room. Two rooms will be maintained for out of town visitors. When in Omaha, make the Hospice your headquarters.

Activity

As secretary of the Young Peoples' Societies, I have attended every Executive Committee meeting of the State Luther League; helped plan the Convention at Lincoln; directed the activities of the Hospice Committee; sent out seven circular letters and assisted in the formation of three new societies. We are glad to report an increase of five new societies.

Recommendations

1. That the pastors of Synod make a special effort to attend the Luther League conventions.
2. That Synod authorize a standing resolution, giving one page in its printed minutes to the State Luther League of Nebraska. (Copy attached).
3. That each Luther League be urged to become a part of the State organization.
4. That Synod express its hearty approval of the forward step taken by the State League in the establishment of a Hospice.
5. That the balance of the $200, already approved but not entirely secured by last year's apportionment, be authorized to be paid from the funds of the Mission Committee.
6. That Synod authorize a standing resolution that this office procure all necessary literature to aid newly organized societies.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DORN,
Secretary Young Peoples' Societies.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

Officers

HERBERT W. FISCHER, President, 1400 First National Bank Bldg., Omaha.
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Board of Directors of the Hospice of Luther League of Nebraska.

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OTTO SCHELLBERG, Omaha.

The Luther League of Nebraska is conducting a Luther League Hospice (Boarding and Rooming Home) for young Lutherans who come to Omaha either temporarily or permanently. The home is located at 3124 Dodge Street. The home is conducted at cost. It will be formally opened November 1st. When in Omaha visit the Hospice.

OBJECTS: Education, Life Service, Missions.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Work was read by Rev. K. de Freese, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

Your committee, in conjunction with the special committee on the matter of tithing, appointed by the Executive Committee of Synod, consisting of Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.; Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., and Rev. A. O. Soholm held two meetings at which plans for development of tithing and the Layman's work were discussed. The first meeting was held December 11th. It was agreed that an effort should be made to form Tithers Leagues in the congregations of Synod. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution for such an organization. At the second meeting, on June 18th, the proposed constitution was adopted by the joint committee, after a few changes had been made. The proposed constitution, as herewith attached, together with a letter, was sent to the pastors. Owing to no response received we can not say what the effect was. The Layman's Movement committee met with Rev. E. C. Cronk, D. D., Secretary of the General Committee, to discuss plans and receive suggestions. A letter, together with several leaflets pertaining to the Every Member Canvass, was sent to the pastors. We trust that these have been of some help. Only as the pastors respond to and act upon the efforts of the committee will this committee be worth while. It is our conviction that definite co-operation between this committee and the Executive Committee of the State Brotherhood would aid in bringing results.

Respectfully submitted,

K. DE FREESE,
Chairman.

The Tither's League of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska U. L. C.

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Tither's League of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

ARTICLE II—THE PURPOSE

Believing that the kingdom of Our Lord has a definite plan for financing its necessities, development and extension, this organization seeks to establish this conviction in the minds and hearts of our Lutheran people, and to bring together all who believe God's Word to teach that the "Tithe" or tenth "is the Lord's," and "holy unto the Lord," as expressed in His Church and her institutions.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

The membership composing the Tither's League shall consist of those who subscribe to the following covenant:

"In loving loyalty to my Lord, and as an acknowledgment of His ownership, I covenant to give at least one-tenth of my income for the purpose of maintaining and extending the kingdom of God as expressed in His Church and her institutions."

ARTICLE IV—RELATION TO SYNOD

This Tither's League having come into existence by a Resolution adopted at the Fifty-second Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska at Omaha, October 7-9, 1924, it shall function as an approved organization of said Synod, and shall report through the Chairman of the Committee on Administration, to the Annual Convention of said Synod, its progress and such other items as may pertain to the development of tithing.

ARTICLE V—ADMINISTRATION OF THE TITHER'S LEAGUE

The administration of this Tither's League shall be a Committee of four and the President of Synod. The four appointed members of this Committee shall be Tithers and members of this League, and shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of Synod. Upon the first appointment of this Committee, two shall be appointed to serve one year, and two shall be appointed to serve two years, and thereafter the members shall be appointed for two years, and shall be so appointed that the time of two members shall expire in one year. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman, who shall be Chairman for that Synodical year.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS

At least one meeting of the Committee having in charge the administration of the Tither's League shall be held each Synodical year for such business as may pertain to the development of the spirit of tithing.

This Committee may also arrange for a general Tither's meeting at such time and place as desirable, and prepare the program for, and conduct such meeting.

The report of the Committee on Protocol was read by Rev. J. C. Hershey, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL

We, your Committee on Protocol, submit the following report:

We have examined the Protocol and find the records of the Fifty-second Annual Convention have been carefully and neatly bound.

In comparing the printed minutes with the Protocol we find the following corrections should be made besides those already made by the Secretary in the errata sheet.

1. Page 20, the total, $4,346.17, should be $4,246.17.
2. Page 21, the apportionment for Allen should be $544 instead of $533.
3. Page 35, in middle of page, following "The report was adopted," the sentence "Adjournment and prayer by Rev. John Utesch" is omitted.
4. Page 49, line 8 from bottom, between words "matter" and "better" the following has been omitted: "of placing a mortgage of $80,000.00 on the college property in order to satisfy some old claims and have the finances in."

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. HERSHEY, Chairman,
E. A. VOSSELER.

The report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was read by Rev. Chas. Bream, and adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

The trustees from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska, beg to submit the following report:

The number of children cared for during the year was 51 boys and 31 girls. Conditions were sadly crowded. Often two have to sleep in one bed built for only one occupant.

More than one hundred applications for admittance of children had to be refused during the past year. Sixteen children were baptized on Easter Sunday.

A printing plant has been installed in order to give the larger boys some useful occupation for their time.

During the year sixteen children had their tonsils removed. Minor illnesses have been cared for, but there have been no deaths among the children. There has no child died at Tabitha Home since it became an institution under the direction of the Lutheran Church.

During the past year 52 old people have found Christian care and shelter in Tabitha Home. Of these 31 were men and 21 women. Four of these aged have died. There are at the present time 44 aged in the Home.

There are 16 employees in the Home, not including Sister Ida. Due to the very small children present and the many old people who are chronic invalids, these employees are kept very busy. Their sympathy and patience under trying conditions is beautiful to behold.

The Christian spirit of the Lutheran Constituency of Tabitha Home is splendidly reflected in the generous bequests left the Home.

Mr. D. Plank, Logansport, Ind., bequeathed the Home $8,000.00. The will was contested and we agreed to accept $4,475.05. Mrs. Gladfelter, York, Pa., left Tabitha a bond for $1,000.00. Mrs. Mary Musselman, Fairfield, Pa., left $190.00. Mrs. Lena Brookmeyer, Pittsburg, Pa., $98.00. Mrs. Christina Muensterman, Lanaham, Nebr., $150.00, and a friend at Westboro, Mo., $50.00. Rev. David Schultz made Tabitha Home the residuary legatee of his estate. The will is being contested by a relative and we must await developments.

There was disappointment in the matter of a campaign for the New Building Fund in the city of Lincoln. Several other campaigns, including some for new churches, made it seem inadvisable to attempt such campaign at this time.

Nevertheless, owing to the dire need, the new building has been begun. Your trustees had the pleasure of assisting in the groundbreaking and in the cornerstone laying. At the latter ceremony, Mr. Ed Walt, an orphan who was sheltered by Tabitha, gave $1,000.00 toward the new building.

This building is to cost $45,000.00 and $36,000.00 of that sum is on hand.

Due to the fine Christian service rendered by Tabitha Home, due to the fact that over 250 applications had to be refused during the past year and due the fact that greater expense will be incurred in maintaining the Home with the increased facilities now under construction, we recommend that the pastors in this Synod give the superintendent, Rev. E. Walter, every assistance possible in raising funds for the Home.

We give thanks to Almighty God for the real service we have been able to render through the instrumentality of this, our Tabitha Home.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. BREAM.

The report of the Committee on Conference Minutes was read by Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES AND REPORTS

The North Platte Conference met in The Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, April 21, 22, 1925; South Platte in Grace, Walton, April 22 and 23.

Both Conferences held most profitable sessions. The minutes of North Platte are not available. There is nothing in the minutes of the

South Platte Conference except the resolutions that have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions, to call for action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. GREENAWALT,
M. J. HARDER,
SIMON RENTSHLER.

The report of the Joint Committee of the Nebraska Synod and the Synodical Ladies' Missionary Society on the Nebraska Synod Lutheran, was read by Rev. K. de Freese, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD AND THE SYNODICAL LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY ON THE NEBRASKA SYNOD LUTHERAN

Special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Nebraska Synod and the Nebraska Ladies' Missionary Society at Midland College, November 12, 1924.

A motion prevailed that the Ladies' Missionary Society be granted two columns per issue in the Nebraska Synod Lutheran for the sum of $100.00 per annum.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RANGELER.

The report of the Committee on Inner Missions was read by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSIONS

Your Committee finds no matter of special interest at this time to come before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE.

A motion prevailed that Synod allow the amounts asked for by Dr. J. H. Miller, in behalf of claims presented to him.

The following Trustees of Tabitha Home were re-elected: Clerical, Rev. Charles S. Bream; Layman, Mr. J. H. Humpe.

Invitations for the next Convention of Synod were extended by Rev. W. Voss, of Nebraska City, and Rev. A. O. Frank of Auburn. By ballot it was decided that the next meeting of Synod would be held at Auburn, Nebraska.

Adjournment and prayer by Rev. H. A. Anspach.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

The Service was conducted by the Officers of Synod. The Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D. The service of Licensure and of Ordination was conducted by the President and Secretary of Synod, assisted by the Examining Committee and Rev. W. Harder and Dr. H. Dysinger. The following brethren were licensed: Alfred Young, H. C. Cordts, and Henry Dumler, and the following brethren were ordained: M. J. Harder, W. H. Saas, and Walter Voss.

THURSDAY FORENOON SESSION.

The Devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. A. White, Chaplain of Synod. Special music by Midland Male Quartette.

The Session was opened with prayer by Dr. G. N. Mendenhall.

Roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted as corrected.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Council was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report was read by Dr. R. W. Livers and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We, your Committee, having reviewed the report of the President for the work of the past year, wish to commend the untiring zeal and devotion of our executive and marvel at the volume of work coming under his hand and care and again reaffirm our confidence in the need of a full time president and pledge a hearty co-operation to him in all Synodical work.

We recommend the adoption of the resolutions included in the President's report (q. v.) seriatim.

We further recommend under Resolutions 11 and 12 that a standing committee on women's work be created, as a point of contact between Synod and the Woman's Missionary Society. And that this committee be charged with the matters of Resolutions 11 and 12 and any other matters that may relate itself to missionary activity.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. LIVERS.

The Executive Committee appointed Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee to constitute such committee.

Report of the Committee on Program for Next Convention was read by Rev. F. J. Weertz and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

St. Paul's Church, Auburn, Nebraska, Oct. 12-14, 1926.

Communion Sermon—By the Rev. J. C. Hershey; alternate, Rev. George Mortensen.

Ordination Sermon—By the Rev. E. Clyde Xander; alternate, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D.

Chaplain—Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.; alternate, Rev. H. A. Anspach.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. WEERTZ.

Report on the Committee on New Congregations and Pastoral Charges was read by Rev. C. R. Lowe and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHARGES AND ARRANGEMENT OF PASTORAL CHARGES

There has nothing come before our Committee for consideration.

C. R. LOWE,
For the Committee.

A motion prevailed that the tentative Report given by the Committee on Apportionment be referred back to the Committee with instructions to keep the per capita within the limit of last year's per capita.

Rev. Wm. Harder, member of German Nebraska Synod, father of M. J. Harder, was introduced to Synod.

Report of the Committee of Editors of Nebraska Synod Lutheran, was read by Dr. C. G. Aue, and adopted. A motion prevailed that Recommendation No. 2 be referred to the Apportionment Committee.

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL PAPER

The management of the Synodical Paper would submit the following report:

Ten issues of 6,000 each of the Synodical Paper were issued during the year. The June and September issues were omitted due to the lack of funds. Mr. O. A. Keyser, when planning to leave Fremont, resigned as Business Manager. The Executive Committee authorized the Assistant Editor to act as Business Manager until this meeting of the Synod. The printing of the Synodical Paper was done by the Perkins Printing Company, Fremont, at the cost of $32.00 for the first thousand, and $5.40 for each succeeding thousand. The paper has been sent to all congregations and to many individuals. Copies also have been sent to India and to Africa. Our Missionaries in these fields write us that they "devour every word," being glad to be kept in touch with the Church at home.

Financial Statement

Printing	$584.00
Mailing, correction of mailing list and postage	172.50
Total	$756.50

Recommendations

1. We recommend the continuance of the NEBRASKA SYNOD LUTHERAN.
2. That a levy of six cents per capita be made for the coming year.
3. That Editors and Business Manager be elected at this session.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. AUE,
Business Manager.

Report of the Adjudication Committee was read by Dr. C. G. Aue, and adopted.

REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

We are happy to report that the relationships between the neighboring Synods has been so cordial as well as in our own Synod that nothing has been referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL G. AUE,
O. D. BALTZLY,
H. FISCHER.

Report of the Committee on Claims and Pooling Expenses was read by Rev. Geo. Mortensen and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOLING

Your Committee finds that the average railroad fare of the ministers is $6.32, while the average fare of the laymen present at the convention is $8.05, and upon the above basis we wish to submit the following amounts due to or from, as the case may be, the different churches represented:

	Due from	Due to
Rev. A. H. Anspach	.....	$3.40
A. T. Yost	.....	6.51
H. P. Anderson	.....	4.94
Rev. C. G. Aue	$2.22	.....
Dr. O. D. Baltzly	1.70	.....
H. Fischer	1.13	.....
Rev. C. S. Bream	3.76	.....
C. A. Kurk	4.21	.....

Rev. H. C. Cordts	2.24	.....
Rev. K. de Freese	1.70	.....
O. E. Schellberg	1.13	.....
Rev. George Dorn	1.70	.....
Rev. F. J. Weertz	1.70	.....
Rev. O. W. Ebright	1.70	.....
L. C. Marsh	1.13	.....
Rev. A. O. Frank	.....	1.54
George Snyder	.....	.87
Rev. H. L. Greenawalt	3.12	.....
Herman Stange	3.61	.....
Dr. W. I. Guss	1.70	.....
Rev. M. J. Harder	4.64	.....
J. P. Nelson	5.55	.....
Dr. C. B. Harman	3.06	.....
I. M. Augustine	3.17	.....
Rev. W. A. Klink	.02	.....
J. H. Thompson	.....	.59
Rev. L. M. Kuhns	1.70	.....
Rev. R. W. Livers	1.02	.....
Rev. C. R. Lowe	.....	.38
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall	2.22	.....
Rev. G. E. Mortensen	.....	5.24
Rev. E. C. Mortensen	.....	4.88
Henry Garman	.....	8.75
Rev. W. F. Rangeler	.....	2.82
Ernest Enke	.....	4.91
Rev. A. O. Soholm	1.70	.....
Henry J. Gernandt	1.13	.....
Rev. C. L. Stager	.....	1.48
Robert Stambaugh	.....	2.45
Rev. J. H. Utesch	.....	.34
Rev. W. Voss	1.04	.....
John H. Petring	.15	.....
Rev. E. A. Vosseler	6.32	.....
David Loudenslager	8.05	.....
Rev. G. B. Weaver	1.70	.....
R. A. White	2.74	.....
Paul White	2.65	.....
Rev. A. Young	.....	2.38
William Weick	.....	4.99
Rev. A. H. Miles	1.76	.....
Andrew N. Christensen	5.05	.....
Dean E. C. Xander	2.22	.....
Rev. W. H. Saas	.....	4.88
Rev. R. A. Helms	.....	2.46
Rev. J. C. Hershey	.....	1.14

Rev. William Hoffman	3.64
Rev. W. T. Kahse	9.38
Rev. C. P. Karriker	3.54

Old Claims

Dorn, George, Stamps (Statistical)	$2.85
Dorn, George, Literature (Y. P. Societies)	2.00
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J. H. Miller (expense to Synod, 1925)	4.00
F. J. Weertz (Trip to Lincoln, Laying Cornerstone at Tabitha)	6.89

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. MORTENSEN, Chairman.

Resolutions from the Pooling Committee

Your Pooling Committee begs to offer the following resolutions:

1. That By-Law, Section 4, Item 9, concerning the pooling of expenses of delegates be suspended for one year following this Convention of Synod.

2. That the Executive Committee appoint a standing Pooling Committee and that said Pooling Committee govern themselves according to the following which is hereby offered as an amendment to said By-Law which amendment is to be voted upon at the next session of Synod:

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Respectfully submitted,

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The Election of Delegates to the U. L. C. Convention resulted as follows:

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LAY	ALTERNATES
Mr. Ernest Enke.	Dr. J. H. Miller.
Mr. H. Fischer.	Mr. O. A. Keyser.
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The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. H. A. Anspach and adopted. Dr. Holmes Dysinger led in prayer in accordance with a resolution on the death of Dr. Jacob Clutz.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED:

1. That our delegation to the next meeting of the United Lutheran Church study the apportionment levied on the Synods of this territory, and if warranted by the facts, that they solocit the co-operation of the Kansas, Iowa, German Nebraska, and Rocky Mountain Synods to secure the adjustment of the apportionment, with the view to a reduction on the ground that this is missionary territory.

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3. That we express our esteem for Dr. J. F. Krueger, former president of Midland College, and our sense of loss at his departure from our midsts, and pray for his success as he serves the Lord of the whole earth in far off China.

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He had served as pastor at Newville, Pa.; St. Paul's, Baltimore, and St. James, Gettysburg, Pa. He was Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, of the General Synod, President of Midland College, Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, President of the General Synod (1891-1893), Secretary of the Ways and Means Committee, in the Organization of the U. L. C., a member of the Executive Board of the U. L. C., and at the time of his death Commissioner to the Stockholm Conference and after 16 years of service as Professor in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, he had resigned, to take effect in 1926.

As a preacher he had not crossed the dead line. In his style he was simple, fresh in thought, and deep in feeling. In his personality he was genial. As a thinker he was clear, accurate in statement, and he possessed the singular ability of being able to find a common ground of agreement amid divers views.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. Dr. Jacob A. Clutz the institutions of learning of our Church, especially on this territory, have lost an interested and devoted leader in the cause of Christian Education; the Mission cause in the West a sincere friend; and our Church a beloved and honored servant of Christ.

Resolved, That a copy of this minute be sent to the family.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. ANSPACH,
LUTHER M. KUHNS,
J. C. HERSHEY,
PAUL C. WHITE,
C. B. HARMAN.

A motion prevailed that 1,600 copies be printed of the Minutes of Synod and that the Women's Missionary Society be given free 25 pages in the printed minutes, but that for further pages, they shall be charged that which the Synod pays. It was further ordered that the minutes of the Brotherhood meetings be included in the printed minutes. And that the Luther League be given one page.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. A. O. Soholm.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened with Prayer by Rev. J. C. Hershey.

Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

A motion prevailed that the Minutes of the afternoon session be left for the adoption by the Executive Committee.

Rev. John F. Seibert, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension, was introduced to Synod.

Rev. A. H. Miles, pastor of the St. James Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebr., was introduced to Synod.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be authorized to issue a bankable note for $3,000.00 in the interest of the contribution to Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska. This note to be carried by the Synod until such a time when some plan can be adopted to pay full amount of said note. The interest on the $3,000.00 to be paid by Synod until such time when said note is paid.

A motion prevailed that the Report of the Ministerial Education Committee be reconsidered. A motion prevailed that the Committee on Ministerial Education be instructed to deal with Mr. Amend immediately.

The report of the Committee on Apportionment was read by E. C. Mortensen and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT

Your Committee submits the following report based on the budgets of $29,511 for the United Lutheran church and $28,291 for the Nebraska Synod, making a total budget of $47,802.

The Nebraska Synod Fund to be divided as follows:

Midland College	$8,238
Synodical Treasury	4,933
Committee on Missions	1,100
Ministerial Education	1,500
Tabitha Home	1,200
Synodical Paper	800
Seminary Contingent Fund	520

Your apportionment based on the average of the confirmed and communing members is for $4.92 per capita.

Allen	$ 743
Auburn	694
Beatrice	630
Spring Valley	108
Benedict (Zion)	379
Benedict (Bethel)	133
Bruning	266
Dakota City (Immanuel	192
Dakota City (Salem)	448
Davenport	522
Emerson	1,018
Fall City	689
Fremont	1,107
Grand Island	2,184
Hampton	458
Hardy	428

Homer	325
Hooper	836
Hubbard	108
Leigh	630
Lincoln	1,609
Lincoln (St. James)	32
McCool	276
Nebraska City	645
North Platte	2,061
Oakland	251
Omaha (First)	728
Omaha (Grace)	900
Omaha (Kountze)	15,591
Omaha (Redeemer)	999
Omaha (St. Luke)	1,555
Omaha (St. Mark's)	1,363
Oshkosh	187
Lewellen	261
Paxton	212
Sutherland	94
Ponca	871
Rising City	723
Sydney	330
Gurley	364
Potter	138
South Sioux City	403
Stamford (Trinity)	408
Stamford (Immanuel)	187
Stella	172
Tekamah	256
Verdon	713
Wolbach	536
Ericson	138
Walton	462
Eagle	79
Wayne	1,304
Wilber	216
West Point	1,835
York	221

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST MORTENSEN.

A motion prevailed that a Committee of three be appointed to report one year hence on Revision of Constitution so as to more fully conform with the Articles of the Incorporation.

The Election of the Officers for the Nebraska Synod Lutheran was left to the Executive Committee.

The Report of the Trustees of Midland College was read by Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., and adopted. Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., spoke in behalf of the Western Theological Seminary. Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D., the new President of Midland College, Rev. E. Clyde Xander, new Dean of Midland College, and J. H. Miller, M. D., the new Treasurer of Midland College, reported on their respective offices.

The following were elected Trustees of Midland College: Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., and Mr. E. A. Van Fleet, M. D.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

Midland College is a mighty important factor in the work of the Church in this part of the country. It has its struggles just like all growing institutions. But in spite of the struggles the College is growing and expanding and is doing a splendid work. A detailed report cannot be given here, but rather the outstanding items and facts. We cull from the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees which was held on June 3, 1925. There is always a good attendance of the members of the Board. Reports were heard and recommendations were approved by the Board. A great deal of business was transacted, requiring the attention of the Board till midnight.

Some changes were made in the faculty, due to resignations. The whole church as well as the Board was very sorry to learn of the decision of Dr. J. F. Krueger to give up his position as President of the College in order to become a missionary to China. He had been connected with the College and Seminary for a long time and his services were of the very best. Dean Tilberg, who was with Midland for eleven years, received such a splendid offer that he could not resist it. Suitable resolutions were adopted by the Board as well as by the two Conferences of the Synod concerning the former President and Dean. Since the meeting of the Board Dr. Quam and Dr. Hofrichter resigned. We are glad to report that good men have been secured for all these vacancies. Dr. H. F. Martin is our new President and has taken hold of the work in a splendid way. He is a fine scholar who stands at the head of the list of educators. Prof. E. Clyde Xander is our new Dean. He has done good work for eight years among the students of the Ohio State University, Coumbus, Ohio. We are sure he will do valuable service for Midland. Dr. Barta is the new Professor in Chemistry. He received his degree from the University of Iowa and comes well recommended. Dr. Byers is the new Professor of Modern Languages. He has taught for several years, and is known to the most of us. A new department, Public School Music, was established and is in charge of Prof. Hugh Rangeler. The various departments of the College are keeping up their good record.

The By-Laws of the College were revised. The Board now consists of 32 members. The Alumni Association asked for another member on

the Board. The Executive Committee consists of nine members. The President of the College and the Dean of the Seminary are members, ex-officio. Fremont has two, U. L. C. pastors two, U. L. C. laymen two, and the Alumni Association one. The whole committee is elected each year. The tuition has been increased $20.00 per year. Owing to the increase of both necessities and luxuries of the large majority of people, and the increasing needs of the College, this advance in the tuition was justified. This increase will help the finances a great deal.

The clean-up campaign last May did not bring in the amount that was anticipated. The total amount was $5,158.00. The people should learn more about Midland College and her needs and respond to her appeals. Each year the Board plans that the College must be run on its income. That was done one year. But as the College grows and expands, the expenses become greater. And how can such a thing be done when the people do not respond and the income is decreased when it should be increased? We have been praying that Midland would grow and increase in the number of students. God has answered those prayers. Are we praying also that the people will open their pocketbooks and respond financially? God will answer that prayer also if the people permit Him. There is too much resistance to measure up where we should.

The foundation of the new girls' dormitory was built last fall at an expense of $7,500.00. There is also material valued at about $6,000.00 on the ground. The plan was that when spring opened, the erection of the building would be completed. During the winter months certain things developed in the Executive Head, which has delayed the work. It is hoped that these causes have been removed and that the financial promise will be fulfilled so that this much-needed building will be finished.

A short item concerning a splendid gift made to the College should appear in this report. The Rev. David H. Schultz was interested in Christian education and gave to the College a large part of his estate. In his early ministry he organized this congregation whose hospitality we are now enjoying. He entered into his eternal reward last January. His will is being contested. His gift, conservatively estimated, amounts to about $25,000 or $30,000.

The total interest bearing indebtedness on the College and Seminary is $136,270.90.

The College has made a splendid opening this fall. The latest figures to be gotten are as follows: Irregulars in the College, 39; Seniors, 18; Juniors, 22; Sophomores, 81; Freshmen, 127, making a total of 288 in the College. The Commercial Department has 48; the Academy 18; music and other branches 84, making a grand total of 438. This is a net increase of 18 per cent. If we include the students in the Western Seminary, there will be a total of 450. The summer school of 1925 had an attendance of 264. These records show the importance and necessity of Midland College.

A beginning has been made to merge the Western and Martin Luther Seminaries. The German Nebraska Synod appointed a committee and requested the Board of Trustees to appoint a similar committee. The two committees had a joint conference, but nothing definite was done. Both committees did agree that the Seminaries ought to be united. The matter was then taken up by the two Conferences of the German Nebraska Synod. The Southern Conference "Decided that, although in principle it was in favor of a union of the two Seminaries, yet it felt that the time was not ripe for bringing about a union at the present time." The Northern Conference was of the opinion "That it would be necessary to make a number of propositions before it would be possible to bring about a union." The latest report is that the German Nebraska Synod passed the whole affair by at its last meeting.

Recommendations

1. That we pledge our prayerful and financial support to Dr. Martin in his earnest efforts to build up a first-class educational institution in Midland College.

2. That Midland College be placed upon the Synodical Apportionment of the Nebraska Synod to the amount of $1.00 per capita for the Communicant Membership in order to help the College meet its budget for 1925-1926.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMAN,
G. B. WEAVER
W. I. GUSS,
J. H. MILLER.

The Report of the Committee on Absentees and Excuses was read by Rev. Wm. Hoffman and adopted. A motion prevailed that the Secretary write to those absent without excuses, advise them of Article VII, Sec. I, (J) of the constitution and that their answers be submitted at the next session of Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES

Your Committee recommends that the following brethren be excused from attendance upon the sessions of this Synod:

Rev. J. F. Kuhlman.
Rev. E. Lee Fleck.
Rev. S. L. Keller.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. WM. HOFFMAN,
REV. E. A. VOSSELER,
REV. W. T. KAHSE,
MR. W. M. WEICK.

Dr. John F. Seibert, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, spoke in behalf of the twelve boards and five agencies which he had been asked to represent.

The newly elected Officers of Synod were installed by the President, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D.

A motion prevailed that Synod accept the offer of Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., to print the History of the Nebraska Synod and the same be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

A motion prevailed that $10.00 be given to the Church of Rising City for Janitor Expenses.

Roll was called for the benefit of the Committee on Pooling of Expenses.

REPORT OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE

Mr. President:

Your representative begs to report that he attended the Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society held in Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, September 28, to October 1, and conveyed the Greetings of this Synod to that body.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS S. BREAM.

A motion prevailed that the St. James congregation of Lincoln, Nebraska, be received into this Synod as a member subject to the following condition, viz.: that the Executive Committee be empowered to examine the Constitution and Articles of Incorporation and make sure that everything is regular and that the Congregation, on approval of Executive Committee, be regularly enrolled as a member.

The Convention of Synod closed with the prescribed order, conducted by the President.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA, HELD IN THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RISING CITY, NEBRASKA, OCTOBER 13, 15, 1925.

REV. K. de FREESE,
Secretary.

REV. W. F. RANGELER,
President.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Lutheran Brotherhood OF THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod OF NEBRASKA HELD MAY 4th, 1925

The Annual State Brotherhood Convention was called to order at 3:30 P. M. at Hotel Pathfinder, Fremont, Nebraska, by President W. E. Tilberg, with 57 members present. The meeting was opened by prayer, by Dr. W. F. Rangeler. The first on the program was an address by Mr. Lohrberg, of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, subject, "The Local Brotherhood Program, and How to Put It Over," followed by discussion. Address, "The Brotherhood at Work in the Local Congregation," by M. M. Martin, of Allen, Nebr., with discussion. Round table discussion, "Future Plans for the State Brotherhood," led by W. F. Ottmann of the Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha. Business session, with roll call, and reports of President, Secretary and Treasurer, followed. An Auditing Committee was appointed. The Auburn Brotherhood was received into the State Association. By motion, Dr. W. F. Rangeler, was elected a member of the State Brotherhood. A Nominating Committee was appointed. A discussion of the Boy Scouts followed. A motion prevailed that the Lutheran Boys' Camp at Fremont be sponsored again this year, in charge of the Executive Committee.

Upon motion, a committee of five was appointed "to investigate the existing conditions as to the management of Midland College and to report to the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood, who in turn shall report their findings to the Board of Trustees of the College. The Committee was as follows: L. D. Swanson, Chairman; M. M. Martin, E. Enke, Fred Kahrs and R. H. Lohrberg. The report of the findings of this Committee may be found in the records of the Secretary of the State Brotherhood, q.v.)